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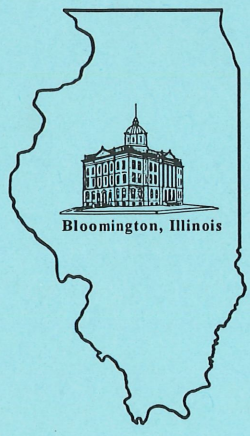

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Foreword

[This is a transcript of the diaries of James W. Jessee. These diaries are located in the Kansas Collection of Spencer Library, on the campus of the University of Kansas, Lawrence. This transcript is a composite of several readings done by Alan Selig, 1989-1994, a reading by Leonard & Frances Selig, from photocopies of the diaries obtained from Deborah Hollowbush and Spencer Library, and from comparison with the original diaries. Each transcript has been compared three or four times to the original in an attempt to correct any typographical or recognition errors.]

[Three dots in sequence "..." represent undecipherable words or lost portions of the text. The first diary is difficult to read in places due to damage from erosion or rodents. Other diaries have some similar damage as well as occasional entries in pencil or very faint ink which have faded over the years. Items in brackets [ ] are the comments of Alan Selig. Anything in parentheses ( ) or quotation marks " " is part of the diary entry.]

[Spellings of words have been kept as in the original, as have abbreviations. The most common of these alternate spellings are "prisnor" and "peice". Names of persons are given as they appear in the text, even if that entry seems to be different than a previous entry for the same name. Whenever additional comments have been written between the lines of the regular diary these have been noted in the text.]

[Beginning with diary #2 portions of several diaries are in a code apparently devised by James W. Jessee. This code involves the substitution of numbers for vowels in the text and is explained in more detail at the beginning of diary #2. The code is translated back into its English equivalent in this transcription.]

[Alan Selig is the great-great-grandson of James W. Jessee. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas, a Baptist minister and currently resides in Manhattan, Kansas.]

[July 9, 1994]

James Wilson Jessee was born March 8, 1838 in McLean County, Illinois, the son of William J. and Nancy (Weaver) Jessee. James lived in McLean County, Illinois until the spring of 1854, when he moved with his parents and siblings to the Kansas Territory. The family settled in Douglas County and were part of the founding of the town of Bloomington. William was elected as a free-state delegate to the first territorial legislature, but his election and that of several others were rejected by the pro-slavery segment. Both William and James were active in the free-state cause during those early years of the territory.

In 1857 James moved back to McLean County, Illinois, where he still had many relatives. He describes some of his activities between that time and his enlistment in the Union army in 1861 in the initial entry of diary #7. James joined the 8th Regiment of the Illinois Volunteer Infantry in July of 1861. He began keeping a daily diary at that time. His entries continue through the three years of his service, until he was mustered out of service at Springfield, Illinois, August 2, 1864. The diary entries continue for another 17 months, until December 31, 1865, providing insights into the life of a young farmer in central Illinois.

James married Maria Caroline Standiford, July 13, 1865. By 1870 the new family had moved to Kansas, settling in Osage County with twin sons, Lincoln Sherman and Logan Sheridan. James lived the rest of his life in Osage County, Kansas. He died April 17, 1907 and is buried in Arvonia Cemetery, Lebo, Kansas.

Lincoln Sherman Jessee had 8 children. The fifth child was Carrie Ethel. She married Leon Fay Shirley and they had six children. The eldest was Frances Marie. She married Leonard Wayne Selig and they had three children. The youngest was Alan Dee Selig, the transcriber of these diaries.

William P. LaBounty is the retired Director of Printing of Illinois State University located in Normal, Illinois. As a volunteer with both the McLean County Historical Society and the McLean County Genealogical Society, he is assisting as an advisor to both groups in the publishing of historical publications and newsletters.

Alan D. Selig
Great-great grandson of James W. Jessee

Transcriber of the Diaries of James W. Jessee

Alan D. Selig, great-great grandson of James W. Jessee.
His great grandfather was Lincoln Sherman Jessee.

Donators of the Diaries to the University of Kansas Library

Left to right: Betty Schrader Seetin, Delbert Schrader, Alice Schrader Roberson, grandchildren of Ida Jessee Schrader, daughter of James Jessee

Preface

This publication had its beginnings with the McLean County Genealogical Society with a letter from Alan D. Selig of Manhattan, Kansas in March of 1995, asking if the Society would be interested in publishing the seven diaries of James W. Jessee.

With the information provided, it was apparent that this was a work that should be published in McLean County since James W. Jessee was born here and spent several of his adult years here.

As the publication came into its final stages, written permission to publish had not been received from the University of Kansas Spencer Library. Alan Selig contacted the University Library and it was learned that permission was not granted because the Library was unable to contact the donators of the diaries for approval.

Efforts to find Mrs. Betty Seetin, the known donator of the diaries was unsuccessful, as she had moved from her long time home. The publishing project appeared to be at an end, when further research found a next door neighbor of Mrs. Seetin, who had her new address. This immediately lead to contact with Betty Seetin.

Betty Seetin quickly provided written permission to publish the diaries, details of the how the diaries came into her possession, family pictures, and other details of James W. Jessee and his family. The pictures provided by her are included in this beginning section of this volume.

The diaries moved with the Jessees' from McLean County, Illinois in 1866 and to Douglass County, Kansas and later to Osage County, Kansas. The diaries were passed on to the oldest daughter, Ida Jessee Schrader to Claude Schrader and finally to Betty Schrader Seetin.

Three maps were developed representing three periods of James W. Jessee's life. The first is in McLean County, near LeRoy, Illinois where James Jessee was born. This map was adapted from the 1856 Map of McLean County Illinois. The map shows the single property of 80 acres, purchased by William Jessee (James' father) in 1834 and several properties purchased by William Weaver (James' grandfather) in the 1830s.

Example pages of the diaries show very good handwriting (especially under the conditions of war) and the appearance of a good basic education, so some local research was made of the schools near his birth place. The main school for the LeRoy rural area was about 2 miles from the Jessee home and was where he most likely had his early education. That school location has been added to the first map.

The second map is of the Western Theater of the Civil War and was extracted from the *Battles & Leaders of the Civil War,* Century Company, New York, 1894. This map traces the path of the travels of James W. Jessee and the Company K of the 8th Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry. The map shows the approximate path of travel, major cities, towns, and the approximate dates of the time spent in the various areas. Some of the detail in the Vicksburg area was not included, since he was in that area on several occasions and also was up and down the Mississippi River on several occasions.

The third map is of Old Town, Downs, and Empire Townships in McLean County taken from the Map of McLean County, 1866, which shows the rural property owners in McLean County in 1865-66. This map shows the primary area where James Jessee lived and served as a farm laborer among many friends and relatives.

The primary area of interest in this map is the left center of the map showing Delta, Priceville-Downs (established in 1874), and the Kickapoo Creek area. James Jessee had a place that he called home, but it is still undetermined exactly, the location of that home. The exact location of Delta was determined with the help of Raymond and Marguerite Heidelberg. Their home and business are north and adjacent to route 150 and Kickapoo Creek where Delta stood.

Readers can track much of his local movements on the map as he goes up to the Union School and to the Union Church, over to the Bishop or Brick School, down to Delta, down to the Keerans and Craigs, and down to the Spring School. One can assume that he lives on or near the Kickapoo Creek as he often said "all quiet on Kickapoo". Another clue for location is the statement that "Dan Hoover came over a while, said 'Teters cattle in my corn to day'". The Teter's had property in Section 33 about a quarter mile from the Kickapoo.

Another mystery that may or may not have been solved is that James worked for and with the "Deacon". The "Deacon" was one of the several Weaver relatives. In one reference on October 27, 1864, he went to LeRoy to hunt for a brick mason for "Uncle" "Jim". For several weeks after this reference, James is working at the "Deacon's" helping with brick work.

The published work should be very helpful for Civil War researchers, Civil War re-enactors, McLean County genealogy researchers, and for agricultural history researchers. James W. Jessee's attention to recording every detail of his finances, that of his Civil War experiences, and his farm life experiences is very enlightening to life in the 1860s.

William P. LaBounty, Editor
McLean County Genealogical Society

Parents of the Donators

Halcie and Claude William Schrader

Ida, the daughter of James W. Jessee

Ida Jessee Schrader, Glen Schrader, top, Claude William Schrader, bottom, and John Schrader

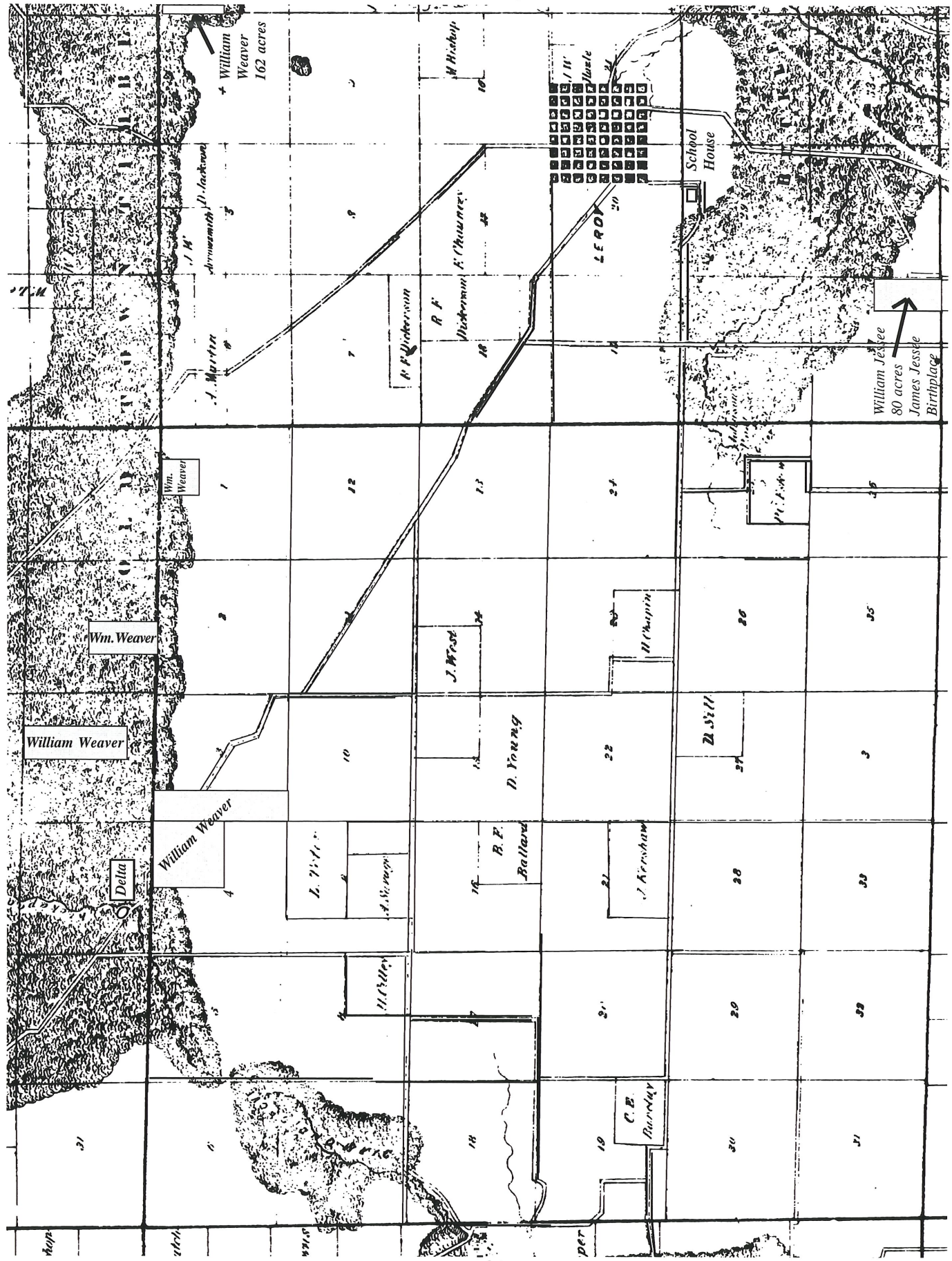
James Wilson Jessee Family

Left to right top row: Ida, Charles, Hinton, Lincoln, Logan, Emma, and John
Left to right bottom row: Carrie, James W., Maria, and Will
Only Ida, Lincoln, John and Will survive.

James Wilson Jessee from wedding photo
July 13, 1865, McLean County

James W. Jessee and Maria Caroline Standiford Jessee
Osage County, Kansas

1856 Map of McLean County, Illinois (William Weaver and William Weaver land purchased in 1830's)



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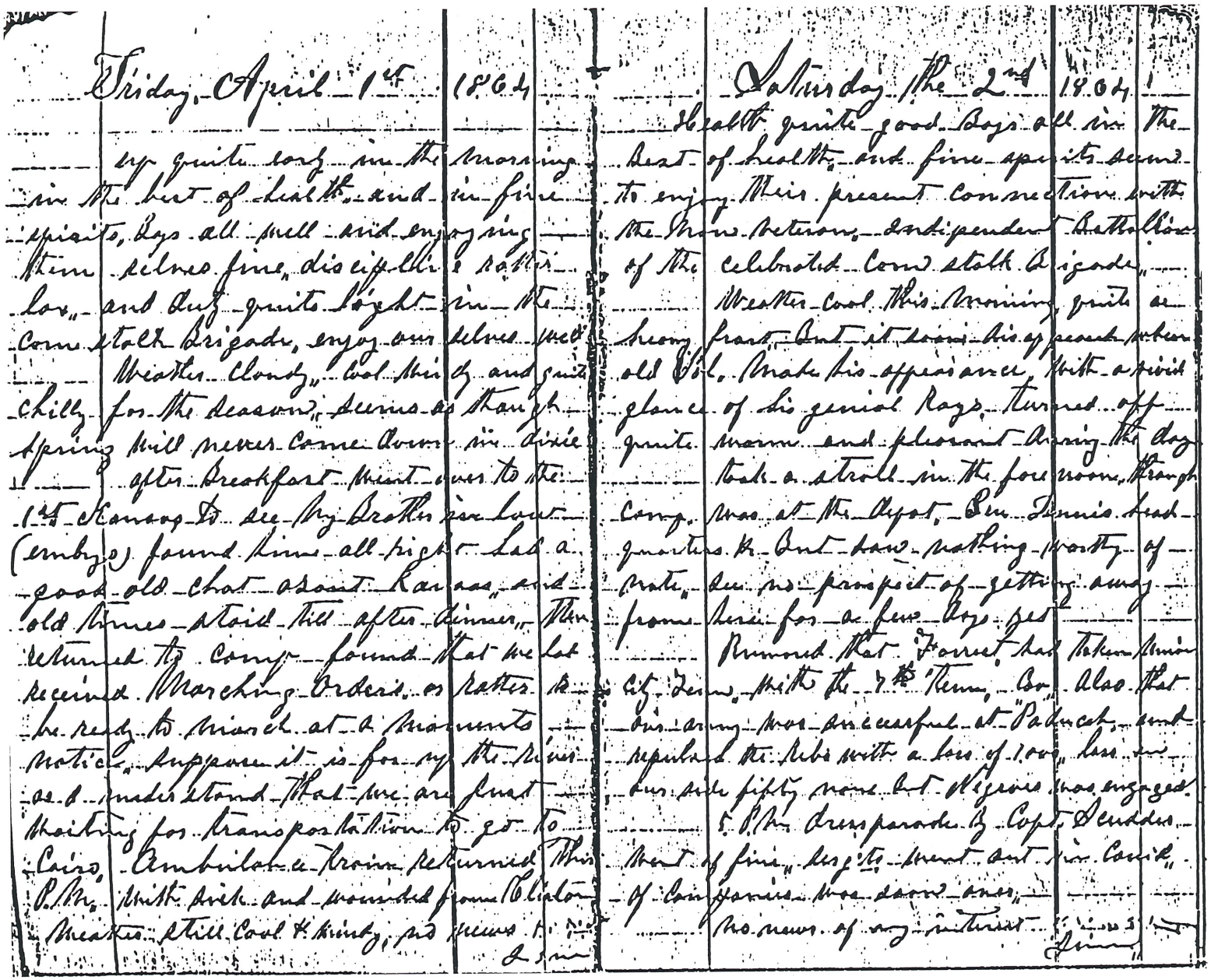


Friday, April 1st 1864

up quite early in the morning in fine health and fine spirits, Boys all well and enjoying themselves fine, disciplining a little and Duff quite sick in the Commstalk Brigade, enjoy ourselves Weather Cloudy, Cool this A.M. and quite chilly for the season, seems as though Spring will never come down in Dixie after Breakfast went over to the 1st Kansas Lt. see My Brother (embryo) found him all right. Had a good old chat about Kansas and old times. Stood till after dinner, Returned to Camp found that we had received Marching Orders, or rather to be ready to march at a moments notice, Suppose it is for my self as I understand that we are about waiting for transportation to get to Cairo, Ambulance Train returned this P.M. with sick and wounded from Chickamauga Weather still Cool & windy, no news

Saturday the 2nd 1864

Health quite good Boys all in the best of health and fine spirits seemed to enjoy their present Comparatively Retirement, Independent Life of the celebrated Commstalk Brigade, Weather Cool this Morning quite as Severe frost, But it soon disappeared when old Sol, Made his appearance with a brisk glance of his genial Rays, turned off quite warm and pleasant during the day took a stroll in the forenoon, Thought was at the Depot, Ben Dennis Head Quarters &c. But saw nothing worthy of note, See no prospect of getting away from here for a few days yet, Rumored that Forrest had taken Union City, Tenn with the 7th Tenn. Cav. Also that his army was successful at Paducah, and repulsed the Rebs with a loss of 1000, Loss on our side fifty some odd Negroes was engaged 5 P.M. Dress parade by Capt Scudder of fine, Regt to Regt and in Camp, Companies were drawn ones, No news of any interest

HISTORY OF THE 8TH INFANTRY, ILLINOIS VOLUNTEERS.

The 8th Infantry, was organized and mustered-in at Cairo, on July 25th, 1861. Governor Richard J. Oglesby was its Colonel. The Companies came from Decatur, Charleston, Olney, Peoria, Pekin, Cairo, Griggsville, Vandalia, Bloomington and Pike County. This regiment had originally been organized on the 25th day of April, 1861, at Springfield, as a three months' regiment. Its service was entirely at Cairo during that term of service. In October, 1861, it was ordered to Bird's Point, Missouri, from whence it engaged in numerous expeditions to points in Missouri and Kentucky.

February 2,1862, it proceeded up the Tennessee River and participated in the attack and capture of Fort Henry. On February 11th it was in the column of attack on Fort Donelson and participated in its capture on the 15th. On the 6th of March it proceeded to Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, and on April 6th and 7th it was engaged in the battle of Shiloh. It also took part in the siege of Corinth and after the evacuation by the Confederates it moved to Bethel and Jackson, Tennessee; thence to the relief of Corinth on October 2d. On November 10th, 1862, it marched to LaGrange, Tennessee.

It participated in the northern Mississippi campaign, marching as far south as the Yocona Creek. It fell back with the army to the Tallahatchie River and thence to Memphis. On January 4th, 1863, it moved to Grand Junction and on the 19th returned to Memphis.

On February 22d it boarded a transport for Lake Providence, Louisiana, and participated there in the attempt of establishing a waterway through Bayou Baxter, Bayou Macon, the Ouachita River and the Red River into the Mississippi below Vicksburg.

When General Grant determined to run the Vicksburg Batteries, many men of this regiment volunteered to man the transports, fourteen of its men were of the crew of the "Moderator." On April 12ththe regiment moved to Milliken's Bend, thence to Richmond, Louisiana, and on the 25th took up its march down the Louisiana side and crossed the river at Bruinsburg in time for the fight at Thompson's Hill in the battle of Port Gibson.

At Raymond the regiment was again engaged, May 12th. It also participated in the battle of Jackson on May 14th and in the battle of Champion's Hill on the 16th. Of this engagement General John D. Stevenson says in his official report: "Passing through the timber I found myself at the base of a considerable hill in possession of the enemy and upon which they had a battery planted. As our line advanced we received several discharges of grape and shell, but steadily pushed to the front. The battery of the enemy was taken at the point of the bayonet by the 8th Illinois."

The regiment reached the Confederate line of defense at Vicksburg on the 19th, on the Jackson road. It participated in the assault of May 22d and in the siege operations until the 4th of July, and was one of the regiments ordered into the City to take possession on that date.

On August 21st it participatedin an expedition to Monroe, Louisiana; October 12th in an expedition to Canton, Mississippi. On February 3d, 1864, it formed part of General Sherman's Meridian expedition. On March 24th, having re-enlisted, it was sent on a furlough to Camp Butler. near Springfield, Illinois. Upon its return to Vicksburg the 17th Illinois Infantry was consolidated with and merged into it.

On July 1st it formed part of an expedition to Jackson, Mississippi, and from July 29th to September 3d it participated in an expedition to Morganza, Louisiana.

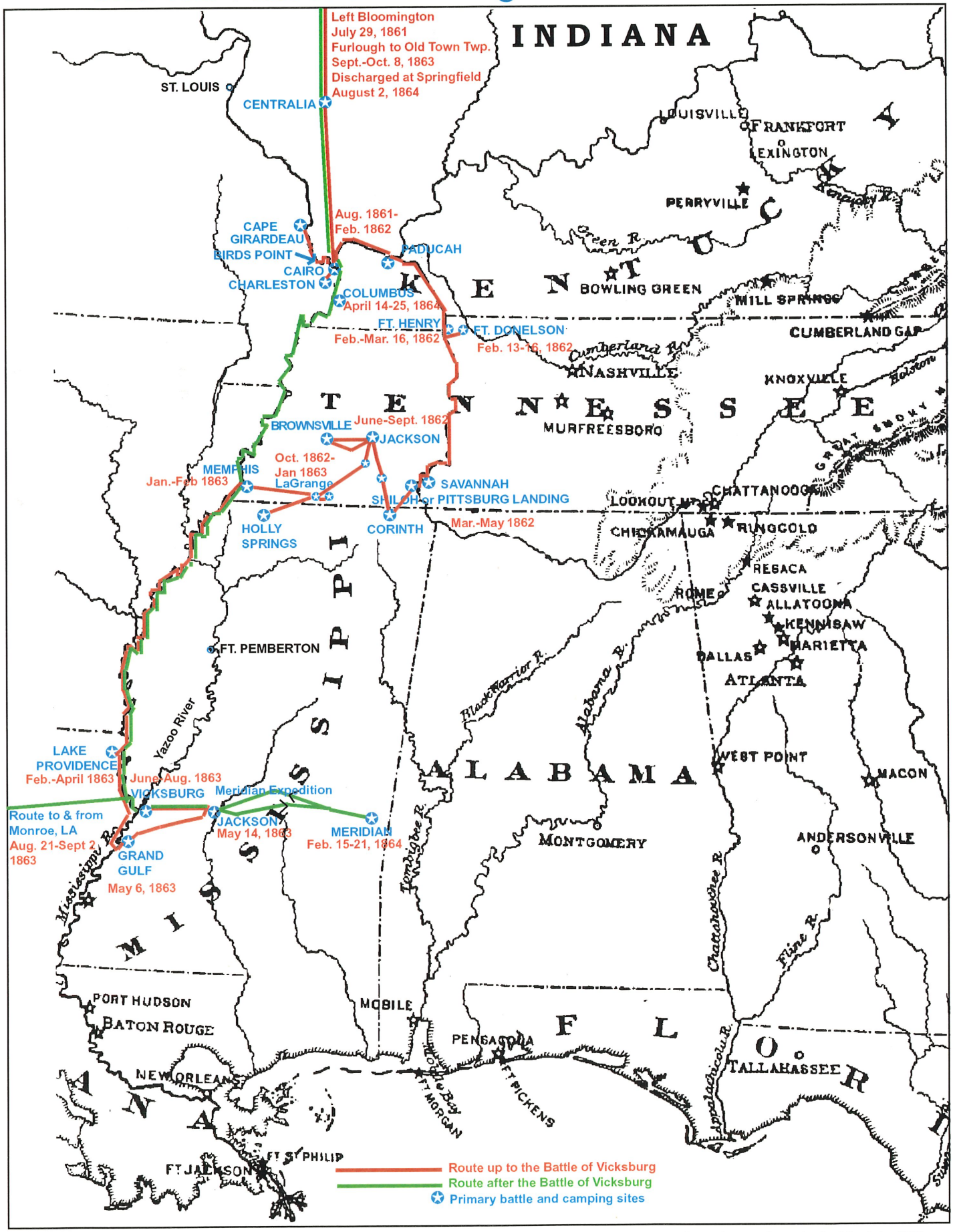
On October 18th it proceeded to Memphis, Tennessee, and remained in the vicinity of this city to January 1, 1865, when it was ordered to New Orleans. On February 4th moved by way of Lake Pontchartrain to Dauphin Island, becoming part of the army for the siege of Mobile. On the 26th of March it reached the entrenchments in the vicinity of Spanish Fort; on the 4th of April moved to Fort Blakely, Alabama, participating in the assault upon this fort on the 9th of April and on the 12th it was the first regiment to enter the city of Mobile.

It returned to New Orleans on the 29th of May and left that City on the 31st for Shreveport, Louisiana, where it arrived on the 9th, thence it proceeded to Marshall, Texas and remained there until the fall, when it proceeded to Alexandria, Louisiana, and was sent to Springfield, Illinois for final discharge and payment, which took place on May 16th.

Illinois at Vicksburg, published under Authority of an act of the Forty-fifth General Assembly by the Illinois-Vicksburg Military Park Commisssion, 1907.

James W. Jessee as a soldier of the 8th Infantry, Illinois Volunteers participated in all of the listed engagements until his discharge in August of 1864.

Civil War Path of the 8th Regiment and James Jessee



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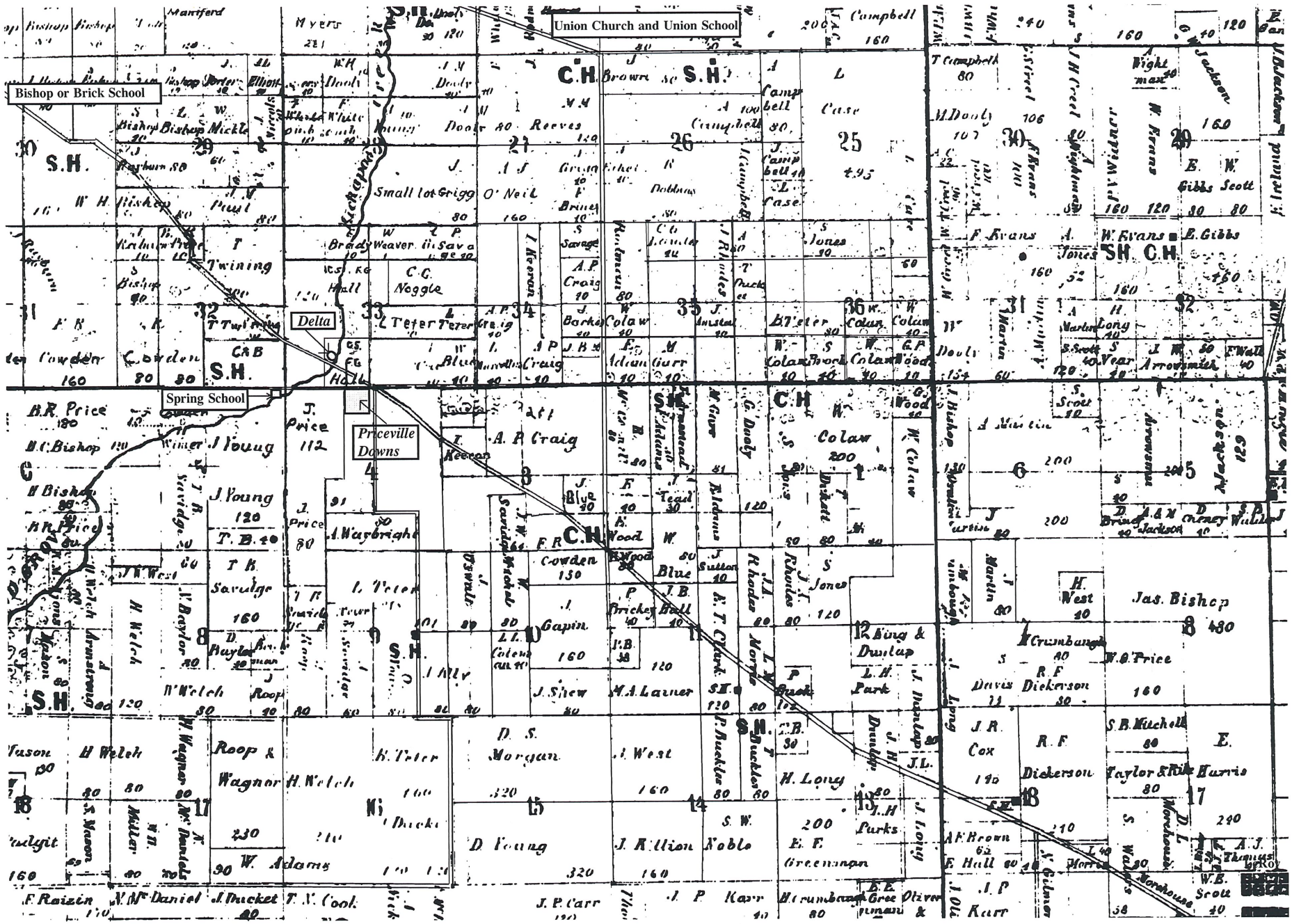
Map of Old Town, Padua, Downs, and Empire Townships from the McLean County Map, 1866



Civil War Diary of James W. Jessee, Volume One

James W. Jesee of Bloomington, Kansas, formerly and late of Leroy, McLean County, Illinois and Son of William Jesee, now a resident of Bloomington, Kansas.

Leroy July the 24th enlisted a three year volunteer in Company Capt Wm Harvey, 8th Reg"t., Col R. J. Oglesby command.

July 27 7 PM Sworn in for three years service

July 29 6 P.M. left Bloomington for Cairo

July the 30th 1.30 A.M. arrived at Centralia, left for Cairo 11 A.M. and arrived at 9 P.M. and was passed into camp By the officer of the Day

July the 31st passed examination by the Army surgeon

August the 2nd Sworn into ..... by Col R.J. Oglesby at 8 Oclock A.M., 5 Oclock PM General J. C. Freemont arrived with A fleet of seven vessals and twelve thousand (12,000) troops and landed at Birds point.

August the 9th A causality took place in the 9th Regiment. A man was accidentally shot By the orderly seargent while taking him through the manuel of arms also one in the 12th Regiment Supposed to Be fatal.

August the 10th Had the pleasure of receiving A visit from an old friend and fellow soldier, Aaron Rhoads

August the 14th Received ... Rounds of ammunition

August 14th a government teamster was accidentaly Shot By the untimely discharge of a Musket Caused By the falling of a stack of arms

Sunday August the 18th 11.AM attended church on the perrade ground. 2 oclock P.M. attended sabbath school at the presbyterian church. 4 P.M. attended service again at the perrade ground

Monday August 19th Went on a fruitless expedition down the river, returned PM had an election of non com officers. Was elected 4th fourth corporal.

Sept 6th 8 PM. left Cairo for Paduka ... Board, W.H.B.

Sept 7th AM landed in Paduka Marched through the City and took Breakfast in the quarter of the 9th Reg then moved down and camped on the Bank of the Ohio River

Sunday Sept the 8th went on Board the Empress and Started for Cairo

Monday morning 9th went into quarters. Monday Eve left Cairo Crossed over to Birds point. thence down the River to Norfolk encamped for the night

Tuesday 10th A.M. went down the river four miles ... Battle with the enemy. there numbers Being to great for our force we were content to retire after our gun Boats had given them a Slight hint of after consequences By carfuly dropping A few Shells in their camp and await time. returned in the evening to Norfolk encamped for the night

Wed 11th nothing of interest except lying around all day in the rain an mud with out tents

Thursday 12th P.M. Made a march of four miles south west where the enemy was reported But had to return without an engagement the enemy flying after a round from our cannon

Friday 13th Acted as ... of the guard

Saturday 14th made a force march of 10 miles down the River in search of Secesh But they Being rather wise did not Stay to give us a formal reception therefore of necesity we had to return to camp without a fight arrived at camp 12 at night after an absence of 12 hours

Sunday 15th had an able sermon at 3 oclock PM By the Rev Mr Howel

Monday 16th Nothing of note occured

Tuesday 17th Man killed in Co F By a member of our co in drunken fray

Friday 20th 3 oclock A.M. a Brisk little fight took place Between Co F, 8 Reg and a ... of Rebels. Result 1 Rebel killed one prisner mortaly wounded, other known to have Been wounded But was carried of By their retreating Comrades. the troop in camp were immediatly formed in line of Battle But no further action took place

October the 1st Went on picket guard 1 P.M. ordered into camp pulled up Stakes moved to Birds point and encamped

2nd rained all day

3d worked from 8 to 10 A.M. on the fortifications at Camp Lyon, Birds point in compliance with an order from head quarters detailing one Regiment each day each company to work two hours of each day and to work every six days

Oct 4th had a general view of the fortifications at the point and found them to Be quite formidable the outer work Being quite extensive in length Being over one mile long Running at Right angles So as to command the entire rear of the ... One large canon being placed at each angle on the outer side of this is a moat 12 feet wide and eight feet deep biding defiance to almost any force that might have the presumtion to make an attack on the place and still further Back the camp is made almost inaccessable By the falling of timber So as to make it impassible to either artilery or cavalry and almost to any infantry

5th Nothing of interest just passed in camp But drilling

Sunday 6th quite a pleasant day

Monday Oct 7th ... to Charleston on cars took possession of Town without opposition encamped for the night

Tuesday 8th Nothing of note

Wed 9th returned to Birds point received pay up to the first of Sept amounting to $16.09 [dollar sign is backwards in the diary]

Thursday 10th Nothing done

Friday 11th Worked on the fortifications two hours

12th and 17th inclusive nothing extraordinary transpired

Oct 18th Buried G Cloud deceased member of our Co

Saturday 19th Worked on the entrenchments 2 hours

Sunday 20th Stood picket guard all night at Birds Point

Wednesday 23d Company detailed to guard Railroad Bridge 6 miles west of town

Thursday 24th returned to camp

Fri 25th Worked on the entrenchments

Sat 26th drilled all day

Sunday 27th passed away rather dull as it was rather fraught with thoughts of home and a desire to partake of its comforts

Monday 28th drilled all day had two Recruits to our company

Thursday 31 mustered for pay

Saturday Nov 2nd detailed for picket guard

Sunday 3d Received marching orders 2 oclock P.M. Went Board the Aleck Scott moved up the river 15 miles hove too and remained on the shore until 6 oclock AM

4th moved on up the River to Commerce 35 miles, landed at 11 A.M. encamped for the night

Tuesday the fifth struck tents at half past six and commenced march a little west of south marched 15 miles and pitched tents on the farm of ABraham Hunter "Secesh" who holds Rank in the Rebel army

Wednesday the 6th Struck tents at 6.30 AM took up line of march much delayed in consequence of Bad Roads encamped for the night on a little River 15 miles two men accidentaly shot confiscating hogs, But slightly.

Thursday 7th marched only seven miles crossed over and encamped on the Bank of Cascaska River. nothing of note took place during the night part of our Baggage did not get into camp on consequence of Bad Road

Friday 8th took up line of march much delayed waiting for teams arrived at Bloomfield one P.M. distance seven miles encamped for the Night South of town

Saturday the 9th Struck ... and commenced a retreat .... marche 15 miles and encamped for the night on mudy Creek

Sunday the 10th Struck tents at 5 oclock A.M. and took up line of march made a force march of 26 miles and encamped on White Water River for the night

Monday 11th commenced march at 6 A.M. arrived at Cape Girardeau at 11 A.M. distance 8 miles marched through Town and camped on the River

Tuesday the 12th Struck tents and went a Board of the Aleck Scott ...30 AM and started for Birds point where we arrived at 5 P.M. went a Shore and marched to our old quarters and pitched tents

Wednesday 13th spent in resting and recruiting

14th 15th 16th 17th inclusive nothing of interest transpired

Monday 18th had a grand review of all troops at Birds point by Brig. Gen. Grant at 2 oclock P.M.

Tuesday 19th detailed company to guard Railroad 6 miles South west of town Stood guard two hours in hard rain

Wednesday 20th returned to camp

Thursday 21st signed pay roll and Was paid twenty ($25.00) five dollars [this time dollar sign is as we make it]

Friday 22nd Nothing of interest Received a visit from Marcus Banks P&W. ... [Vausk...?] and Mr. Jones from Old Town

Saturday 23d Cold rainy day passed By with out doing any thing of importance

Sunday 24th still cold and disagreable Commenced Work on quarters. laid foundation

Monday 25th sent twenty ($25.00) five dollars to James Weaver by Marcus Banks and five ($5.50) dollars and fifty cents for Boots and Socks unloaded logs of boat

Tuesday 26th went into woods cut rafter timber

Wednesday 27th went down the river to Norfork after rafters

Thursday the 28th set apart as a day of thanks giving remained in camp all day

Friday the 29th went to the cipress swamps south west of camp after Board timber to cover cabins rained all day. in the evening commenced snowing fell about two inches deep laid out in the woods all night. too cold to sleep sat up all night went chicken hunting got sixteen

Saturday the 30th finished getting out timber returned to camp

Sunday December the 1st remained in camp all day saw A T Story wrote P. M. Hollaway letter

Monday the 2nd detailed to serve on picket. Stood south of the point one mile and A half had a good time boys killed ... slowdeer

Tuesday 3d returned to camp & rested

Wednesday 4th Worked all day on quarters weather boarding up to gable ends

Thursday the 5th done that Same

Friday the 6th done nothing of any great importance

Saturday the 7th Worked some on the quarters Nothing of importance

Sunday the 8th worked on Chimney all day By order of Capt. Harvey. nice warm day

Monday the 9th finished Building Chimney and dauBed house

Tuesday the 10th went over to Cairo on pass things about as usual Still making new preporations for carrying on the war

Wednesday the 11th S. J. Keeran, C C Hayden returned to camp from furlough H Robertson came down to enlist Received the tender Regard of Some of my friends in the Shape of A few Luxuries of this life

Thursday the 12th Robertson was sworn into the service of the united States for three years nothing else of note transpired changed to Mess No 2 ...

Friday Dec the 13th ... a pair of Boots and two pair of Socks (Via) of the aid Society, Bloomington Ill's having previously sent the money for the same By Marcus Banks, Old Town, Ills

Saturday 14th Nothing of interest

Sunday 15th Went to Cairo for Bread Aaron Rhoads returned with me had a pleasant time

Monday 16th Had a grand review By Brig General Van Rensselaer, inspector general of the Army

Tuesday 17th received new guns had a visit from Frank. Dickerson and Jack. Smith

Wednesday the 18th went over to Cairo for Bread

Thursday the 19th rather cold and Blusty

Friday 20th some what more pleasant

21st and 24th inclusive nothing of interest going on in camp weather very pleasant and mild

Wednesday the 25th Christmas day very warm and pleasant went in shirt sleeves all day

Thursday 26th still warm and pleasant raind at night

Friday 27th had a drill weather still very warm

Saturday 28th had drill in morning dress perade at 2 oclock P.M. lesson in tactics after dress perade

Sunday 29th pleasant ... very warm ice running in the Mississippi dress perade at 4 P.M. cavalry brought in 21 "Secesh" prisnors taken near Charleston M.O. Between there and Sykestown

Monday 30th Nothing of interest But drilling had a lesson in tactics

Tuesday 31st mustered for pay by Col Rhoads nothing of interest

Wednesday January the first detailed on guard a day long to Be remembered in consequence of the variety of amusements with which it was celebrated by the soldiers at Birds Point

Thursday 2nd weather rather nebulous had a drill in morning lesson in tactics at Night at Capt. roan

Friday 3rd rained most all day nothing new in camp

Saturday 4th weather nebulous had a drill in after noon. interesting

Sunday 5th all well weather cloudy and rainy. very mudy received a visit from Isaac Johnson of Leroy, McLean Co Ills

Monday the 6th had drill

Tuesday the 7th Received orders to march with 24 hours rations went to Norfork and returned

Wendesday the 8th rained all day Signed the pay roll. P.M. received marching orders after night still rainy and mudy

Thursday the 9th Still rainy and very mudy a day past in great mental anxiety in consequence of a delay of the movement of the troops from Cairo Caused By the Collection of a heavy fog so as to prevent running the River with Boats 8t PM paid of up to the first of January amounting to $26.00

Friday the 10th still rainy and foggy waited all day in anxious suspense for orders to march Received orders in the evening to unload wagons But Be ready to reload any time

Saturday the 11th weather Still damp and very mudy four of our pickets Shot on the Charleston Road by Rebels after night. nothing of interest

Sunday the 12th had inspection at nine in morning no forward move yet, turned cold in the evening. paid the secesh a visit to the guard house

Monday the 13th very cold and blustry snowed some was taken very ill. Received orders at night to be ready to march next morning at nine with five days rations

Tuesday the 14th Still very cold with a light skif of snow lying on the ground very unwell yet. got ready to march went a Board of the "Aleck Scott" [whenever Jessee uses quotation marks the last set of quotations marks is at bottom of final letter] at eleven A.M and landed at 4 PM at the head of Iseland No. 1, 7 miles below Cairo and en camped for the night. tents and baggage arrived at 8t PM passed a very disagreeable night

Wednesday the 15th Still cold and Sleeting. health somewhat improved struck tents and to line of march at 11 am marched 10 miles passed through Blandens ville and encamped on May field Creek for the night weather extremely cold suffered considerable

Thursday the 16th left knap sacks in camp and marched out in twelve miles of Columbus returned without discovering the enemy camped in Same place

Friday the 17th raind all day nothing of interest transpired

Saturday the 18th still raining in the morning Struck tents at noon moved down the creek one and a half miles and camped at Elliotts Mills. very mudy

Sunday the 19th struck tents and took up our line of March for fort Jefferson reached there at 2 oclock P.M. took Boat at 8 and returned to quarters at Birds point after a fruitless expedition

Monday the 20th weather warm and damp very ill in the morning nothing of interest took place during the day

Tuesdday the 21st remaind in camp all day. not very well. weather warm and Nebulous

Wednesday the 22nd nothing of unusual interest. sent to James Weaver five dollars, by Mail weather about the same.

Thursday the 23d detailed on guard acted as Sergeant of the guard, had a company and Battalion drill at 2. oclock PM

Friday the 24th came of [he spells "off" with only one f] guard had company drill in morning Battalion drill in P.M. exercised in different loadings and fireings with Ball cartrage the first we had the Ohio River very high & still rising fast

Saturday the 25th had company drill in morning and at two P.M. formed the company for Battalion drill and Received orders while in line to prepare for a march with two days rations took the cars immediately for Charleston got there just after dark and encamped for the night weather warm and nice

Sunday the 26th left Charleston aBout noon and marched out to Bertrand 5 miles southwest of Charleston in search of the famous swamp fox Jeff Thompson camped in Bertrand our pickets drove in the Rebel pickets. rained part of the night had good rest

Monday morning the 27th weather warm and damp and rains came By spells moved our camp to the west side of town sent out the 11th & 20th Ill's regiments in search of "Jeff" returned without discovering his where a Bouts

Tuesday the 28th eat breakfast and returned to Charleston got there about noon Borrowed tents of the 11th Reg. by order of gen "Payne" and camped for the night. commmenced raining just after dark. got Supper at a Citizen's House

Wednesday the 29th Still raining. got breakfast with a citizen - - - - - [5 dashes in a row across half of the little page] received orders to Return to the point took cars at 9 A.M. arrived at the point at 12. M after three hours travel through a severe snow storm The Mississippi and Ohio Rivers are full to the Banks and Still rising

Thursday 30th very Cold and snow on the ground nothing of unusual interest

Friday the 31st Still in quarters all quiet the Rivers still rising. weather moderated

Saturday February the 1st "/62 weather cold ground frozen in morning thawed during day heavy ice runing in River sent J. M. Hollaway ten dollars by mail $10.00

Sunday the 2nd Received orders to pack up our effects and prepare for a permanent move went on Board the "Aleck Scott" at 3 P.M. crossed over to cairo and laid there all night

Monday morning 3d after a few preliminaries we left Cairo and moved up the Ohio River to padukah 50 miles thence up the Tenesee River 50 miles

Tuesday morning 4th landed in Tennesee and took our Breakfasts after being on the Aleck Scott two nights and a day during which time we had to remain in the hull of the Boat for protection against the inclemency of the weather while we were eating our Breakfasts one of the gun Boats moved up the River and saluted the enemy with a few Shells we being only seven miles below fort Henry after breakfast we reloaded the Boats and moved up the River four miles the fort being inaccesable on account of some large hills and marshy swamps. during our way up the River some men appeared on the Ky side of the River but a shell from one of the gun Boats made them vamous in a hurry. we then landed three miles below fort Henry, took possession of a high Hill and went about making preporations for our evening grub it being a bout 3 oclock P.M. got supper and made arrangements for the night slept in the open air

Wednesday the 5th got Breakfast Received orders to leave our knapsacks in camp and march 9 P.M. moved forward in the direction of fort Henry accompanied By a Strong Scout of Cavalry made a reconnaisance with in one mile of the fort had a skirmish with the Rebels cavalry one man lost on each side Returned to camp somewhat tired after our days march over hills and vales pitched our tents and remained in camp that night rained hard

Thursday the 6th nice warm weather Received marching orders with two days rations in our havre sacks 10 oclock A.M. whole collum moved forward on fort Henry Boys all in good spirits gun Boats moved up the River and commenced firing on the fort 2 P.M. stopped for dinner in two miles and a half of the fort. and while I write a deafning canonading is going on between the Rebels and our marines which lasted one hour when the Rebels evacuated the fort and the artileres had to Surrender and was captured. marched into the fort at sun down and took posession of the Rebel camp Slept in a secesh tent rested fine

Friday the 7th allright took a grand view of the camp fort &c saw the effects of the Bombardment. our gun Boats done excellent work which demonstrates beyond a doubt that they will prove them selves to Be an efficient instrument of destruction to the Rebels where ever they have half a chance I am perfectly satisfied from the looks of the fort quarters &c. that I will never have any desire to be in a camp when it is shelled Saw four men that was killed, an awful sight. their Bodies were horibly mangled

Saturday the 8th weather rather unpleasant Cold and snowing and raining Some reported in camp that quite a number of dead Rebel bodies were found secreted in different places cavalry brought in some prisnors

Sunday 9th sun rose clear in morning nice warm day spent forenoon in unloading and Bringing our baggage in to camp. P.M. moved our camp out east of the fort & pitched tents nothing of unusual interest took place during the day got some prisnors heard various other

unfounded rumors of fights at "Boling green", & Columbus and the Surrender of the said places

Monday the 10th troops arriving all day weather nice and warm every indication of an early spring Captain Steward of the Cavalry was Badly wounded being shot in three places in an engagement with the Rebels. not considered very dangerous had dress parade a 3 oclock P.M. nothing else of interest pitched our tents and remained in camp that night rained hard

Tuesday the 11th Still warm and nice Received orders to be Ready to march at 4 PM with three days Rations in havre sacks with Blankets and no knap sacks 4 P.M. first brigade moved forward fort donelson detailed as file closer marched five miles and Stoped for the night

Wednesday the 12th detailed on grand guard marched forward at eight A.M. in advance of the Column. two P.M. had a skirmish with the Rebels had four wounded drove them back to their fort then advanced in full force. made a feint on the breast works. Skirmished till dark then flanked them on the left and laid on our arms all night. our plan was some what flustrated by the 29th Reg firing on ours through mistake

Thursday the battle began in earnest. our batteries soon succeeded in silencing the enemies. they then fell back in their redoubts from which we failed to drive them out from our position a constant fire was kept up all day by different divisions of our troops and and the rebels the 14th and 49th Reg.ts made three efforts to charge one of their forts but was driven back. by the Rebels Just before dark we changed our position further round to the enemies left flank lay on our arms all night commenced to rain at dark and terminated in a slight snow turned very cold from which we suffered severly the Rebels kept up a constant fire all night from their fort

Friday the 14th very cold and disagreeable Snow on the ground held our position all day under an incesant fire of the Rebels without so much as even firing a shot in return just after dark the "secesh" fired a heavy voly of musketry right into our camp no body hurt

Saturday the 15th after a poor nights rest we were Sudenly a roused and called into line just at day light by the deafening roar of a voley of musketry on our right wing. caused by the sudden and unexpected attack of the Rebels on our lines. which gradualy extended to wards the left. the attack was first made on the 18th Reg. Ills Vol. but the 8th was soon engaged in to deadly conflict. which waxed warmer & warmer our troops holding their position and disputing the right to the ground a gainst the advancing rebels which out numbered us five to one. but our ammunition failed and we were compelled to retire to replenish our munitions the 25th reg.t and an other reg.t that was ordered to take our places as soon as the saw that we was retiring fired a heavy voley of musketry right into our ranks and then run in our advance giving the rebels possession of our ground who followed up our retreat untill they were met by our reinforcement who drove them back at the point of the bayonet with heavy loss the battle lasted nearly all day but our reg.t and the 18th being so badly cut up and scattered that we were compelled to retire to the Rear and camp for the night but reinforcements drove the Rebels back in their entrenchments
our company loss was 5 killed. 12 wounded. 1 prisoner, J.S. Howel First Lieutenant killed Regimental loss two hundred and fifty killed and wounded

Sunday the 16th the Rebels sent out a flag of truce requesting the privlage of surrendering which was accepted and we were marched in and took posession of the fort with men an all its munitions of war 15.000 prisnors 20.000 stand arms 65 cannon 3.000 horses mules without No. other camp equipage

Monday the 17th took a view of the battle ground Saw one of the most heart rending sights that I ever beheld pen and ink would fail to describe it. ah the horror of war When shal peace be restored noth more of interest transpired

Tuesday the 18th matters very dull Boys mostly un well suffering from exposure and fatigue on the battle field

Wednesday the 19th rained last night and incesantly all day very disagreeable in Deed. taken very unwell. very severe Cold

Thursday the 20th weather Cold. damp. and disagreeable Still very unwell remained in tent al day

Friday the 21st weather very fine feel some better received a visit from some of our old friends Mr A Welch Mr Ainsworth Mr ...(Ham?) and Henry Welch and others went out with them and Showed them the battle ground

Saturday the 22nd Rained all last night & all day to day weather warm nothing of extraordinary interest occured during the day reported that gov Haris had Surrendered the state to Gen. Grant

Sunday the 23 weather cool & cloudy rather a dull day in Camp

Monday the 24th turned of warm and nice things about as usual in camp nothing worth note

Tuesday the 25th 1862 nice clear day very warm in the morning Some indication of Spring clouded up at Sundown and rained Some during the night.

Wednesday the 26th the prettiest day in the county Sun Shown brightly all day weather warm with a nice genial breeze Just Such a day as one might wish to experience. after passing through such cold and disagreeable weather as our soldiers have been called to pass through. during the Seige of fort Donelson may we live to enjoy many such during our short stay in the Sunny South

Thursday the 27th "/62 rained a light shower the day was cold cloudy and disagreeable

Friday the 28th cleared off Sun rose bright and clear mustered for pay at half past ten in the morning Col. R J Oglesby made a commendation speech to his Reg't. followed by prayr by Chaplain moved camp in the after noon and erected tents in Regimental order

Saturday March the 1st 1862 weather rather nebulous nothing of unusual interest occured during the day worthy of note. rumored in camp that columbus had surrendered to the Federal troops

Sunday March the 2nd rained last night. and all day to day Weather wears rather a gloomy aspect at this time down in old Tennessee though our troop are in fine spirits and perfectly elated with the recent brilliant sucess of our Army

Monday March the 3d cold and blustry wind blew all day long. very cold night

Tuesday the 4th weather somewhat moderated. rained occasionally during the day. turned cold towards the night and snowed some

Wednesday the 5th very cold and blustry. wind blew hard all day with considerable snow. very disagreeable detailed as Sergeant of a fatigue squad to take care of Commissary Stores

Thursday the 6th still very cold and Stormy nothing of interest going on in camp

Friday the 7th weather considerably moderated quite warm all day 7 PM cleaned out the post sutler at fort donelson for swindling the soldiers and passing counterfeit money & high charges for goods &c

Saturday the 8th very pleasant morning twenty four years old to day looks very much like Spring

Sunday the 9th 1862 very warm in morning had inspection at 9.0 A.M. attended Services at Dover, Steward Co Ten 11 1/2 O. AM Conducted by the Rev. Mr. Day, Chap'l'n 8th Reg.t held in church previously occupied as "Secesh" hospital. had dress parade at 5 P.M. rained after dark

Monday 10th all right rained in the fore noon. had dress parade at 5 P.M. Received orders at Night to be ready to march Tuesday at 11 AM. with three days Rations and all of our effects.

Tuesday the 11th very warm nice and clear Reg.t formed at 11 A.M. and took up line of march for the Ten River Marched out 8t miles and camped for the night by a nice little Running Brook

Wednesday the 12th weather still warm and nice eat Breakfast early and took up our line of march Reached the Ten. River at 11 A.M. after marching 6 miles over hills, Brooks and vales & camped near the River at Iron landing

remarks on country Steward County is a Rough hilly, Barron County. Sparsely settled. timber scarce & of poor quality. well watered. being well supplied with plenty of good springs of pure water

Observations people generaly very ignorant, poor and almost in a suffering condition

Thursday the 13th Warm and nice, impressing us with the pleasing fact that Spring has come in this Southern clime with all its concomitant pleasing scenes inspiring the soldiers with new life, energy & courage

after noon drew our new uniform jackets nice dark blue pants Sky blue

Friday the 14th rained hard last night (went bering had poor success) rained all the afternoon & all night rather gloomy times in old Tenn

Saturday the 15th 1862 Still raining & cloudy things quite dull in camp health very good amongst the Boys

Sunday the 16th weather somewhat more favorable Received orders to be ready to march at 7 A.M. struck tents immediately & loaded the wagon embarked on the Memphis at 12 AM made two trips down to Ft Henry and back and lay at the landing all night

Monday the 17th very pleasant morning very foggy early in the morning But soon cleared up layed at the landing till 4 P.M. then ran up the River reached the Ruins of the Columbus, Nashville & Memphis R.R. which was destroyed by our gun B just after the capture of ft Henry after dark the Boys Broke into the Sutler goods and got some liquor that he had smuggled on Board rested very well during the night landed (75) seventy five miles up the River and remained untill morning

Tuesday the 18th very foggy early in the morning and now commenced a scene long to be remembered the effects of the proceedings of the night before now began to develope it self Numbers of the Boys became beastly intoxicated and Renewed their efforts to Seize the Sutlers's goods and the fight became general fifty guards were called for from the 8th Reg. with loaded guns Col Oglesby ordered all of the whiskey throwed over Board which was immediately done and through his influence the riot was quelled. mostly the 18th engaged in it. the fogg Being cleared away we proceeded on up the River to Clifton landed and put the Sutler and his goods on shore and left him to Share the mercy of the citizens we then proceeded on up the River to Savannah. landed and camped for the night a half mile from the River rained very hard in the after part of the night distance from ft Henry. Savannah 135

Wednesday the 19th cleared of nice and warm very much like summer. changed our camping ground and set things in Regimental order nothing of note

Thursday the 20th "/62 paid a visit to the beautiful city of Savannah quite a pleasant place bears some marks of former wealth & influence But is now nearly deserted By its inhabitants it is the County Seat of Harden Co this was quite a pleasant day Received orders to be ready to march at nine Oclock in the morning

Remarks this portion of the country is moderately well settled. large farms. some marks of intelligence strong union sentiment

Friday the 21st cold disagreeable wind all day rained and snowed at intervals during the day remained in a preparatory condition to march all day

Saturday the 22nd cold blustry morning as much so as is concomitant to a northern clime Received orders PM. to pull up stakes and march to the River which was readily complied with & at 3 P.M. we embarked on the New US and at 6 P.M. Steamed up the Tenn River arrived at Pittsburgh landing Just at dark lay on the Boat all night. suffered from the inclemency of the weather being on the hericane deck distance 10 miles

Sunday the 23rd "/62 quite unwell disembarked after passing a restless night. breakfasted on the River bank which had been previously occupied by the Rebels and shelled out by our Naval fleet. we then moved back 1 & 1/2 miles and pitched camp in Reg't'l. and Brigade order

Monday the 24th Still very ill. went on Co drill at nine A.M. had Battallion drill 1 P.M. did not go out. had dress parade at half past five weather Remarkably cold for this part of the Country

Tuesday the 25th very ill remained in bed all day weather quite pleasant company drill at nine A.M. Battallion drill at 1 P.M. dress parade at 5 P.M.

Wednesday the 26th very pleasant day weather warm with a genial sun accompanied with a gentle breeze inspiring all its recipients with new life and vigor as demonstrated by the general activity of all in camp. company drill at 9.0 A.M. Battallion drill at one P.M. dress parade at 5 P.M. Health considerably improved

Thursday the 27th weather still warm and nice Health considerably improved nothing of unusual interest in camp Co drill at 9 Battalion drill at 1 by gen. R J Oglesby had quite an interesting time dress parade at 5 in the evening.
vegetation now begins to shoot forth under the genial rays of a Southern Sun the Birds begin to Sing their Songs of praise Biding a hearty welcome to spring with all its concomitant pleasures every thing wears the aspect of Spring

Friday the 28th very pleasant and nice sun shone out very warm and Bright the exercises of the day as usual

Saturday the 29th "/62 still in camp near Pittsburgh landing weather fine and cheerful Skirmish drill in the forenoon Battalion drill of four hours in the P.M. we have a delightful camping place here splendid water close By and good wood right at hand dress parade at 5 P.M.

Sunday the 30th weather fine health good generaly inspection of arms at nine in the AM dress parade at 5 P.M. attended preaching after dress parade in the 13th Reg't Iowa Volunteers services by a captain in their Regt

Monday the 31st rained some in the forenoon moved our camp back so as to enlarge our drill ground dress parade & Battalion drill at 4 in the after noon conducted by R. J. Oglesby had quite an interestime of it

a man in the 18th Regt was suddenly taken sick & died in an hour's time cause of death not known But supposed to Be of excessive drinking

Tuesday April the 1st health very good weather very fine. warm and nice men in good spirits and ready for any event that may transpire. had company drill in the morning dress parade at four and Battalion drill Short speech By the Hon gen. J A McClernand in which he was not sparing of his applaudits and praise of the eighth Reg't. he gave us a promise that we should occupy a prominent place and act a conspicuous part in the coming Battle at Corrinth

Wednesday the 2nd weather nice and warm after a fine shower last night accompanied with a violent wind

skirmish drill at 9 AM Battalion drill and dress parade at half past four P.M.

Thursday the 3d pleasant morning health good in camp Boys all in fine spirits gen McClernand had a grand review of his command at 8t Oclock in the morning consisting of Col Oglesby's and Wallace's Brigades and Dresser's & Taylors batteries

Friday April the 4th 1862 rained in the morning though quite pleasant had no drill quite a remarkable instance for this camp after noon rained very hard no Batallion drill or dress parade camp a larmed just at Sundown long roll Beat line of Battle formed and kept til ten Oclock at night marched to quarters went to Bed at Slept fine not with standing it rained very hard and the wind blew a hurricane the a larm was occasioned By an attack on Sherman's pickets By Rebel Cavalry particulars not known

Saturday the 5th weather rather damp and rainy nothing of importance took place during the day dress parade at five P.M.

Sunday the 6th 1862 General Beaureguard made an attack on our outpost in force at 3 A.M. and drove them in with heavy loss Surprising them and taking a number of them prisnors By daylight the most of our troops were in line of Battle and ready for opperation and then the fight Became general all along our line of Battle But our troops were forced to gradualy fall back Being engaged By a superior force & for the want of a Competent Com. to lead them the Battle waxed warmer and warmer until our troop had fallen Back as far as possible & made a final Stand and succeeded in repulsing the Rebels. just at this critical moment gen Buel arrived and took command of the union troops and to him is due the credit of the Sucess of our arms. at dark or soon after the Battle ceased for the day and the night was spent in advancing our lines landing gen Buel's division and making preparations for the coming day. While our officers was thus engaged our troops was lying on their arms in line of Battle, endeavaring to get a few moments of rest. But the attempt was futile for during the night it rained very hard and thus rendered them quite uncomfortable in the absence of blankets, and over Coats. our Company loss during the day was killed Capt W. H. Harvey (in Com of Reg't) Cor C. C. Hayden, Serg't H. Cassady, C Habert, C W Smith wounded (and Miss Wm Trimmering, Wm Gun, J Landis, E Combs, G S Russel slightly, V Corman, J W Drake, R Gaudy, Leiutenant T J McCung, J W Drake

Reg't'l loss killed (25) wounded (91) according to official Report

whole loss of Union troops by official report (1500) killed on field, (3500) wounded, (2500) missing

Monday the 7th "/62 the Ball opened this morning with fresh determination on the part of the union forces & the Battle was kept up during the day the fire Being incesat the Rebels were forced to give way before the advance of our troops But they fought desperate and disputed every inch of ground that they was forced to aBandon with almost unconquerable courage and desperation But the day was ours and at five P.M. the Rebels made an in glorious Retreat from the field with heavy loss of killed, wounded and prisnors our loss was severe But not as great as theirs among their killed was said to be some of their prominent officers vis, Sidney Johnston, Bushrod Johnston, Gen Gladden &c our Reg't Being Badly cut up and Scattered was helled Back for reserve until late in the evening when we were advanced. Charged on and took a Rebel Battery with the loss of But one man. turned their own guns on them & drove a large force of Cavalry and infantry from the field we then Retired to rest after two days hard fighting leaving fresh troops to protect our outer posts to night. during the night it rained hard again and was quite disagreeable

the number of killed wounded on either side has not yet Been ascertained. But from personal observation on the portion of the field that I was over it was very heavy the Rebels was twice that of the union Troops

Tuesday the 8th Gen. Buel persued the retreating Rebels early this morning overtook them, gave Battle and took a large No of prisnors estimated from 10 to 20.000 and rumor says that they retook the men that the Rebels took prisnors on Sunday our Reg't not advancing I spent part of the day in looking over the Battle field and viewing the horrors of war the dead was all still lying on the field unburied and some of the wounded was still on the field un cared for the ambulances with those engaged in carrying them in being inadequate to the task during the day the most of the union soldiers were hunted up and Burried By their companies. But some they were not able to find. the Rebels still lay unburried in vast numbers all over the Battle ground. Received marching orders to Be ready to march in a hours notice. inspection of arms at 6.0 P.M.

Wednesday the 9th quite unwell with a severe cold quite rainy and disagreeable remained in quarters all day saw nothing of note and heard nothing more than mere camp rumor

Thursday the 10th very pleasant in the morning turned of a little cool towards night dress parade at 5 P.M. nothing of great interest occured during the day rained very hard after dark Boys all in very good Spirits all things well considered &c

Friday the 11th "/62 cold and rainy all day. rather gloomy times in camp felt a little home sick to day, for the first time since I have been in the service of my

country rumored that Gen. Hallack has arrived in camp dont know whether authentic or not it would require six quires of paper to note down the rumors in camp for a day one minuet you will hear that Buel has the rebels all surrounded the next that Buel is surrounded. that he is cut off from communication with the River &c &c

Saturday the 12th quite a pleasant day all right in camp nothing of great importance transpired

Sunday the 13th "/62 very pleasant weather. sun shone Bright and warm dressparade at 11 Oclock A.M and prayr By the Chaplain after dressparade Received a visit from Mesrs Orme and Sweet from Bloomington, Ills they were warmly received and Seemed to Be quite at home in camp

Monday the 14th "/62 weather still warm and pleasant boys all well and in good spirits & ready for action at any time went down to the the River in the P.M. in charge of a squad of (12) got a metalic coffin of the Black Hawk Steamer. exhumed the Body of Captain W. H. Harvey and placed it in the Coffin preparatory to sending it to Bloomington Ills to his friends, there being a committee down from Bloomington to take Charge of it to its final destination and resting place.

Tuesday the 15th things in camp as usual not very well to day dress parade at five Oclock P.M. at which Gen. R. J. Oglesby delivered his farewell address to the 8th Reg't. I. V. There Being quite a warm feeling existing between him and the Boys from former attachments it rendered the scene quite affecting to Both parties.

Wednesday the 16th nothing of very great interest occured during the day weather still warm and pleasant dress parade at five PM

Thursday the 17th 1862 weather fine, health very good in camp, Boys all in very good spirits and ready for any emergency &c &c dressparade at five in the after noon. every thing wears the general aspect of mid spring vegetation springing up and the earth is covered with natures green carpet Trees all green &c

Friday the 18th "/62 weather warm and pleast in the morning held an election of officers in the morning had a good time generaly. in the afternoon it raind very hard poured down in torents over flowed our trenches around the tent. and run through the tent in a stream large enough to turn a mill (if it had Been a small one) had a good time keeping our things dry which we did. By digging a ditch strait through the tent after the rain was over made a big ditch clear round the tent. Gen. John A Logan took command of brigade

Saturday the 19th "/62 rained all night. and still raining this morning got breakfast in the rain rained steady all day nothing of great importance occured during the day

Sunday the 20th (Easter) still raining. during the past night it rained at intervals and also during the whole day thus rendering the day rather unpleasant to our Boys in camp weather rather cool and disagreeable for the season of year. in this part of the country Promoted to First Corporal (getting quite lofty in the military sphere)

Monday 21st "/62 in camp near pittsburgh landing weather still wet, rainy, mudy and unpleasant rained at intervals during the whole day health very good in camp Boys in good spirits all things well considered

Tuesday April 22nd "/62 sun rose clear and warm and spread its balmy influence over camp. inspiring new life and vigor into all the happy Recipients of its genial rays. after a week of incesant rain & Clouds 10 Oclock AM. had company inspection of Arms 3 Oclock P.M. dressparade and regimental inspection. T J Wiley in Com'd of company. Capt Denison & Lieut McClung both very ill. Gen Pope came up the Tenn. River last night with thirty (30.000) thousand men. roads in a very bad condition, almost impassible at the landing & near the river. Gen Hallack has just issued an order to put the roads in a passable condition as soon as practicable it being a military necesity on his part &c

Wednesday the 23d all right in camp, health very good Captain Denison & Lieut. McClungs health gently on the incline 5 Oclock P.M. dress parade and an order to move our camp so as to give us a better position

Thursday the 24th "April" weather warm and nice in the morning Struck tents at an early hour, loaded wagons. and moved Back two miles and pitched camp on owl creek rather a lonesome camping place. but military necessity makes all things quite agreeable down here in this country

Friday the 25th April called up at day Break had roll call. Received orders to be ready to march at 8 Oclock with 24 hours rations in Havresacks Commenced raining about an hour before day this morning 8.0 A.M. Still raining very hard and incessantly, order for marching at 8t countermanded with orders to be ready to march at a moments warning any time during the day. rained hard at intervals during the entire day turned cold in the afternoon and was very disagreeable &c 7.0 P.M. no orders yet to march

Saturday April 26th called up at day light had roll call received orders to be ready to march at 8t A.M. with 24 hours rations in Havre sacks &c 8t A.M. called into line and marched out west into the country about four miles on a scouting expedition and returned at 2 P.M.

without seeing or hearing any thing worth note and entirely ignorant of the object of the expedition other than from rumor order for dressparade at 5 PM 5 PM order for dressparade countermanded

Sunday April the 27th very pleast morning weather nice and warm nothing exciting in camp inspection of arms at 9 A.M. 1 P.M. dressparade formed line of Battle and stack arms as a precautionary movement against an attack it Being reported that the Rebels was in three miles of camp and advancing in force gen J. A. Logan ordered a lot of spades and axes to throw up rifle pitts and fall timber and immediatly put the camp in a state of defense 6.30 PM services By the chaplain discourse from "Titus first chapt." "let no man despise the .."

Monday April 28th very pleasant and warm health good 1 Oclock P.M. a grand review and inspection of arms by Brigadier General Judath of the Regular Army every thing went of nice and was done up in good Style Received the cheering intelligence that new Orleans had been taken by Comadore Feragot and that it was now in the posession of the federal troop five Oclock afternoon had dressparade and an order read officially stating the capture of New Orleans &c

Tuesday April 28th all well and in good spirits roll call early in morning. orders to Be Ready to Break up camp at ten Oclock A.M. 10 A.M. Struck tents, loaded wagons and formed Reg't and took up our line of march in the direction of Corinth moved out three miles and a half slowly then Back a half mile and camped in the woods for the night in the Brush a very nice camping place plenty of woods and good water. this part of Tenn. is very pleasantly located, But Sparsely Settled

Wednesday April 30th quite pleasant this morning after a refreshing shower last night. all quiet in camp as usual. Health very good 10 A.M. Reg't formed and mustered for pay according to the Army Regulations detailed as Regimental Color guard. nothing of interest transpired after noon General Hubburt advanced his division. a general movement of the troops is gradually going on and Corinth will soon Be Compassed about and in the hands of the federal forces. Rumored in camp that York town was taken By McClelland

May the 1st 1862 Thursday morning all right in camp detailed on picket guard had Rather a serious time in getting the guard mounted and posted. took from 8t Oclock to 12 M. owing to the incompetency of the officer's in charge &c General Davis advanced his division this morning if the Rebels give us Battle at Corinth the engagement will take place soon. and we are confident that the victory will perch upon the side of the Stars and Stripes. it has Been Rumored for two or three days that the Rebels were Evacuating Corinth

May the 2nd 1862 friday morning. very pleasant with a light shower of rain 11 Oclock A.M. relieved from guard and returned to camp 3.0 P.M. Reg't'l inspection of arms By Col's Lawler and Rhoads

Saturday morning the 4th called into line of Battle at 3.30 A.M. there Being a report that the Rebels were moving into our rear But no attack we were dismissed at day brake 10.A.M. Battalion drill By Col Rhoads through the Brush and over the hills, hollows and logs at double quick
1 Oclock P.M. Received orders to march at 7 to morrow with four days cooked rations in havre sacks and only two tents to the company 5 PM dressparade as usual &c

Sunday morning 4th of May up early in morning. breakfasted Struck tents. and was ready for marching at the stated time 9.0 A.M. Regiment formed. waited a while. then moved forward in the direction of Corinth slowly. commenced raining about noon rained hard and incessantly all the afternoon made it very disagreeable traveling with as heavy load as we had to carry. marched about five miles and camped. pitched tents in the mud. cut some brush, and managed to get some sleep. authenticly reported that Gen. Pope had taken (1500) prisnors and ten pieces of artillery from the rebels with a loss of only (30) men killed No! of wounded not stated, or the loss of the Rebels in killed and wounded. the Rebels do not seem to fight as well here as at Pittsburgh Landing seem to think that they have got enough of it to do them awhile

Monday May the 5th "/62 rained incessantly last night and for about two hours this morning. cleared up, sun came out, shone brightly and was quite pleasant. had a good time getting our guns in order. Company inspection at 11. Oclock By Col. F. L. Rhoads dressparade at 5 o'clock P.M. nothing more of importance during the day after noon pleasant

Tuesday May the 6th "/62 very pleasant morning. Health good Boys mostly in fine spirits 10 A.M. inspection and Battalion drill 5.30 P.M. dressparade as usual. all quiet in camp.

Wednesday May the 7th "/62 weather still very pleasant. Just warm enough to Be comfortable fifteen minuets before ten A.M. Company inspection of arms By order of the general "Com" 2 Oclock P.M. a grand review of the third division of the reserve Army of the Tennessee by "Maj" Gen. McCernand, Govnor Yates of Ills and others of Military and political noteriety Gov. Yates made a short address to the soldiers in commendation of their general good deportment on the field of Battle also stated the object of his visit to our camp and pledged himself as far as was in his power to carry out that pledge in obedience to the wishes of the people of his

own true state at the close of his address the Boys gave three hearty cheers for their worthy, good and generous Governor

this was followed By a few practical remarks by "Gen" McClernand Cheering the Boys up and announcing that official news had Been Received of the surrender of yorktown this morning, also nerving them up for the coming contest in Corinth By telling them that it would end the war. May Corinth soon fall

Thursday May 8th 1862 all right in camp Health very good Boys in fine spirits to day nights rather cool. days warm and pleasant 8.30 A.M. regiment formed and escorted the 18th Reg't to the second Brigade they having Been changed from the first to the second so that Col. Lawler could assume command of the 2nd Brigade after the exchang of compliments from the commanders of the Reg't's we returned to our quarters, detailed on color guard for the occasion

5.30 P.M. Company inspection of arms and dressparade all quiet on the advance lines.

Friday May the 9th weather very pleasant nice cool breeze air balmy and spring like Health in camp remarkably good. Boys all in fine spirits 10 A.M. Battalion drill by "Col" Rhoads for one hour. all went of right. canonading heard in the vacinity of Corinth. Rumored that gen. Hallack had made the attack on Corinth in earnest. feel perfectly sanguine as to the result, that the victory is ours. we all feel determined to conquer or to die in the attempt rebellion must succumb 5.30 P.M. company inspection of arms followed By dressparade

Saturday May 10th "/62 still in camp near "Monteroy" weather very pleasant order for Battalion drill countermanded with an order to prepare four days rations, ready cooked, in Havre sacks and to keep the same ready to march at a moments warning so much for the reserve

P.M. very warm and sultry But nothing strange for this part of the country. But to the contrary the weather has been very cool. 5.30 inspection of arms and dressparade. nothing of unusual interest transpired in camp everything progressing satisfactory

Sunday May the 11th called up at day light had roll call Received orders to Be ready to march at 8t A.M. with four days rations, knapsacks and one hundred rounds of cartrages 8t am struck tents, loaded wagons and fell into line after a few practical remarks and prayr By Chaplain we took up our line of march through Monteray and to the south west of Corinth. moved out about four miles and pitched tents on the ground previously occupied By our advance lines in front of which was erected Strong Rifle pitts. Behind which we quite secure. weather very dry and sultry P.M.

Monday May 12th 1862 called into line at 3 Oclock A.M. stacked Arms Received orders to Be ready to march at seven A.M. with one days rations (100) rds cartriges. dismissed. got breakfast and at 8t am fell into line was marched one and a half miles and posted our picket duty, Co K occupying extreme left

PM received intelligence of of the surrender of norfold and Portsmuth navy yards and the blowing up of the Merimac also that commadore Foote had whiped the Rebel flotilla, sinking one Boat and Blowing up two others &c

Tuesday the 13th May Relieved at 8t30 Oclock and returned to camp nothing of any interest transpired had dressparade at 5.30 P.M. and order read officialy stating or affirming the rumor of our recent successes at Norfolk, Portsmouth and on the Mississippi order to keep four days rations in our havre sacks ready to march at any time that we may Be ordered weather very warm and sultry water scarce and not very good what there is of it

Wednesday the 14th "/62 weather still dry and warm health tolerable good in camp P.M our advance had a slight skirmish with rebels disputing about the right to a spring of water But our troops prevailed & the Rebels was drove from the ground loss of either side not known weather very sultry this afternon five P.M. dressparade. preceeded By company inspection of Arms
every thing progressing satisfactoraly army moving very slowly, throwing up fortifications as they go changed from the third to the first division of reserve Army

Thursday the May 15th called up in morning at 3.O.C. Stacked arms and remained on the ground until 6 A.M. was then dismissed. got breakfast 11 A.M. called into line again with all our paraphernalia of modern warfare. marched out south half mile and returned to camp weather very warm, sultry and dry 5.30 P.M. had dressparade as usual everything quiet in camp advance very slowly

Friday May 16th 1862 called up at 3 Oclock A.M. went on picket duty at 8 AM the whole Reg't. Being detailed for that duty posted one mile and 1/4 from camp south west direction nothing of interest occured during the night

Saturday May 17th Relieved at 9 A.M. and returned to camp weather still dry and warm Rumored that Memphis, Richmond and Charlston had Been captured By Union troops. 5.30 P.M. had dressparade. signed pay Rolls for four months pay. weather warm quite unwell. slight attack of flux heavy cannonading in vacinity of Corinth

Sunday May the 18th "/62 very pleasant day nice cool

Breeze from the west. health some better. this is the first Sabbath that we have got to rest for some time and this has been a day of rest indeed. with the exception of Being called up at 3 Oclock in the morning and the presence of the pay master at Col. Rhoadses head quarters paying off a part of the fourth of the Ill's Cavalry and a making preparations to commence pay the Old eighth (8th) But this did not annoy us very much as we had not Been paid for over four months and most all out of the one thing needful

Monday May the 19th 1862 called up a few minuets after twelve at night to pay the Hon. Mr pay master a visit, which request we gladly complied with said Mr pay master making said visit quite pleasant. By genteely handing over fifty ($52.00) two dollars of Uncle Sam's treasury notes as pay due from the first of January to first of April. after inter view was over went Back to Bed and was called up again at three A.M. and started out on a scouting expedition at day light. marched out four miles on the western Corinth Road to surprise a rebel camp that was reported out there. But the 3d Brigade Being in the advance had done the work Before we got to the scene of action running the Rebels from their camp and Burning a Rail Road Bridge. killing one Rebel. Being informed of the fact we counter marched By file left Back to Camp. got dinner, and was quietly resting when we was suddenly arroused By the long roll. But it proved to Be A false alarm caused By a picket Being Shot By one of our own men from 4 Oclock untill sun down heavy cannonading was heard in the direction of Gen. Popes division 5.30 Cloudy and Strong indications of rain

Tuesday May the 20th called up at 3 A.M. as usual But as it was raining very hard we were excused from forming in line of Battle with orders to sit up in tents ready to fall out in case of an attack which order was complied with By all lying down and going to sleep and quietly Reposing untill daylight 8 A.M. Reg't. detailed to go on pickett duty. was posted one mile and a half west of camp. rained at intervals during the day heavy firing was heard in the direction of Corinth most all day. both artilery and musketry was kept up quite lively. result not known

Wednesday May 21st 1862 rained very hard last night rendering picket duty rather unpleasant. all right. relieved at nine A.M. by the 18th Reg't. and returned to camp under marching orders, the rest of the Brigade having already gone. struck tents and at 2 PM advanced 3 or four miles crossed the line into Mississippi in the direction of Corinth. to take the place of "Sherman's" division He having advanced. Cleaned off the ground pitched tents and made preparations for the night. our advance is now reported in a mile of the Rebel's Breast works the Ball is now daily expected to open. we will make short work (of it.)

Thursday May the 22nd nice morning. weather fine and warm health very good in camp boys in fine spirits and full of hope. dressparade at half past five P.M. order read revoking the order for getting up at three Oclock A.M. nothing of unusual interest.

Friday May the 23d 1862 weather damp and cloudy with light showers of rain at intervals. rained very hard last night. no new of great importance. rather a gloomy day, and dull times in general. still raining to night no news to day of very great importance

Saturday May the 24th 1862 all right in camp. Health very good Still cloudy and threatning more rain. Reg't. detailed for picket duty 8t A.M. marched out half mile west of camp. Relieved 31st Reg't. was posted on a line fronting the right flank of our advance was assigned a post with a squad of four men. heard rumor to the affect that Corinth was evacuated. that Pope had advanced 1/2 mile without meeting any resistance also that Sherman had advanced with similar result. no news of great importance eat some ripe Mulberries. things all went on right

Sunday May the 25th 1862 relieved at 8t A.M. by the 30th Reg't. went into camp had cleverly got our habiliments of modern warfare off and prepared to take a little rest after twenty four hours vigilant duty when were very suddenly called into line of Battle alarm Being caused By the sudden appearance of the Rebels in force in front of "gen" Shermans division but they made no attack we stacked Arms went to quarters. all quiet during the day. weather fine and pleasant dressparade at 5 P.M. order read to stack arms on the color line at Revalie and to remain until retreat

Monday May the 26th 1862 camp in Miss. in front of Corinth. Boys all right. Called up at day Break. Stacked arms on color line, returned to quarters, got Breakfast. detailed on camp guard went on duty at 8 A.M. weather still nice and warm Heavy skirmishing all morning in direction of Corinth supposed to Be the pickets of our advance with the rebel's pickets 3.0 P.M. cannonading heard on the left in the direction of "Gen" Pope rumored in camp the Richmond was taken By Com Goldsborough's flotilla. dressparade at five P.M. as usual

Tuesday May 27 1862 relieved from guard at 8t A.M. went to quarters all quiet in camp weather still fine. Boys in good Health five Oclock P.M. dressparade. nothing of interest

Wednesday May 28th "/62 called up at four A.M. stacked arms on color line. received orders to March at half past five. dismissed to get Breakfast and prepare to march. five A.M. called into line with three days rations

and one hundred rounds of cartridges and marched off in the direction of Corinth and to the right of Gen. Sherman on the extreme right 8t A.M. the grand Ball is now opened. Heavy firing all around the lines of Both artillery and musketry at intervals the cannonading is terriffic our whole line avances simultaneously driving the rebels Before them after maneuvering all day in the Brush right in the face of the enemy our skirmishers Being constantly engaged with theirs Night the welcome visitor of the weary dropped Her sable curtains and thus closed the scenes of the day. Company K detailed for picket duty stood all night without relief. (quite weary.)

Thursday May the 29th 1862 relieved from guard at day Break returned to the Regiment stacked arms and made an effort to get some rest. But was frequently disturbed By the firing of the pickets cannonading kept up all day on the left and at intervals in other parts of the line. But not so heavy as yesterday. report in camp that gen. Pope had possession of their outer line of works on the left Relieved at 3 PM By a Brigad from Sherman's division Returned to camp weather very warm and dry water very scarce and poor health very good

Friday May 30th "/62 in Camp Before Corinth called up just at day light formed line of Battle Stacked Arms and returned to quarters heavy cannonading heard in the direction of Corinth later in the day a Courrier Brought in the news that Corinth was evacuated that the Rebels was all gone and that Gen Sherman was in side of their work. got But few prisnors they Burnt most all their effects that they could not carry with them no farther particulars 5 PM dress parade. heavy cannonading on the south side of Corinth weather warm

Saturday May the 31st called up at day Break Stacked Arms on color line weather fine pleasant breeze. health good in camp cannonading heard in the distance south of Corinth Rumor in camp that Generals Pope and Mitchel had surrounded and taken ten (10.000) thousand prisnors and with them the infamous Gen. Bragg if this Rumor be true it is a heavy blow to the Rebels 5 Oclock P.M. had dress parade and an order to Resume the Monotonous practice of daily Company drill. all quiet in our camp. Boys in good spirits

Sunday June 1st 1862 called into line at day Break Stacked arms and dismissed weather fine. nothing very exciting in camp. no news from the advance But feel confident that all is going well. P.M. a slight Shower cooling the air and making things more pleasant. water very scarce and poor dug well yesterday But water failed to day. if we stay here long we expect to see hard times or rather very dry times

5 P.M. a Brisk Shower of rain came up and the order for dressparade was countermanded cool pleasant night.

Monday June the 2nd "/62 called up at day Break. and stacked Arms on color line quite an excite was produced in camp By the arrest of Some gamblers of which two the most Notorious was punished By placing a barrel over their Boddies with this inscription in large letters "Chuckluck Banker" and drumed through camp to the tune of "Poor Old Soldier." after noon dressparad at 5 Oclock heavy shower of rain poured down in torrents weather cool and pleasant health very good. no reliable news from the advance. nothing out of the ordinary roteen of monotonous camp Life.

Tuesday June 3d 1862 Revalie at day light. weather pleasnt though Cloudy and Strong indications of more rain health good in camp Boys in fine spirits great excitement in camp in consequence of the violation of orders against Selling Liquor in camp two soldiers were arrested and one of them was covered all over with whiskey Bottles with a sign in front "whiskey dealer" the other "Bar keeper" in large letters and marched all through camp with fife and drum. 5 Oclock PM dressparade as usual no other news of an exciting nature

Wednesday June the 4th roll call at day Break received orders to Be ready to march at 8t Oclock A.M. with two days cooked rations when the time arrived we struck tents Loaded up the wagons and marched out on the Purdy road in a north westerly direction But our progress was very Slow for the two or three first miles having to Build Bridges and repair the Road Before our train could pass over it after we had got out some two miles news reached us of the fall of Richmond all so the capture of ten thousand prisnors By gen McClellands army the news was received with extreme delight the Bands struck up the famliar old air of yankee doodle while the Boys made the woods fairly ring with their shouts as they cheered in Honor of the great victory. marched out aBout eleven miles and Bouvacked for the night. slepet in the woods without tents or Blankets our train not being able to get up. as we marched along the citizens congregated in vast Number along the road (though mostly women) to see us as we passed they did not manifest any great displeasure But some times they waved their handkerchiefs In manifestation of their joy at the change of affairs

Thursday June the 5th Slept very well last night was quite comfortable Received orders to Be ready to march at half past five A.M. eat our Breakfast was ready By the appointed time But did not start untill about (9) fooling around. changed the 45th out of our Brigade for the 18th M. H. Lawler of the 18th taking Com. of Brigade after moving along Slowly for five miles we came to Purdy a nice little villag 3 miles from the Ohio and Mobile R.R. and is the county seat of [blank space in the diary] and in Better times was quite a flourishing place as its appearance readily indicates. But its

inhabitants or the greater portion have fled and those Remaining Received us with a spirit of indifference. they did not seem to appreciate that our visit was one of friendship to protect the Loyal and drive traitors from their midst Made But a Short Halt in town marched out two miles and camped for the night Baggag train came up just Before dark. picked some blackberries. cooked them and had a fine supper. made my Bed down under the leafy Bower of a Stately Oak. laid down and rested fine as a King &c! &cs!

Friday June the 6th 1862 up By the dawn of of day. felt fine. Boys all right. received orders to Be ready to march at half past 7 time arrived Loaded wagons and column moved forward on the Boliver road. marched one mile and a half. came to a halt at Bethal a station on the O. M. RR cleard up camping ground and pitched tents here we found plenty of good water which was quite a rarity to us took a short ride on a captured Secesh train which our men are running on the road. things are going quite lively here in this part of the country as regards Business matters

Saturday June the 7th weather fine. though very warm we have as yet suffered But little from heat Reg't. detailed to go on picket duty at 6 Oclock A.M. Company A and K was posted on Boliver road about a mile from camp nothing of note occured during the day Cavalry Brought in a few citizens who represented themselves as deserters from the Rebel Army. Such Citizens are coming in By the Score at different posts and taking the oath of allegience they say they are very tired of the war and think that the Bogus confederacy is played out. they all desire peace.

Sunday June the 8th 1862 nice morning. weather fine boys in good health and fine spirits relieved from duty 7 A.M. by a part of the 18th Reg't. returned to camp notice having previously been given that to day the guard lines would be open and all of the Citizens was invited to attend church in camp. at 10 A.M. a large congregation was assembled near the Bethel Church a large portion of which was citizens & quite a number of ladies honored us with their sweet presence. they were ably addressed at length By the chaplain of the 30th Reg't. Ills. Vol. upon the subject of Moral and physical Rebellion in which the seemed to take a 'deep interest his arguments were forceble and well elucidated. and I trust in the providence of god will redound to much good in the exercise of a salutary influence over this once deluded and oppressed people 4 P.M. services again By the Chaplain of the 31st Reg't. Ills. Vol. he delivered quite an able and very interesting discourse to a very interesting and attentive audience this was a day long to be remembered By our soldiers as day of rest from Military duty. and of social intercours with the Citizens they were free of conversation and was not sparing in their denunciations of the Rebel cause and were loud in their acclamations of Joy at the approach of the union army a Strong union sentiment prevails here a telegram was read announcing the fall of ft.s Pillow and Randolph and Memphis at which some shouted aloud with Joye was offered, and declined the appointment of comisary Sergeant Corp J B Dawson was appointed in Stead 5 P.M. dressparade order read to keep two days cooked rations in havre sacks all the time

8 P.M. Rev. Mr. Day Chaplain of the 8th Reg't. preached at Bethel Church quite an interesting congregation. very able address upon the necessity of seeking Religion &c.

Monday June the 9th "/62 weather very nice though rather cool at nights Health very good citizens Becoming quite tame, are coming into camp taking the oath. Relieving our Boys of their Surplus chang By furnishing them some of the Luxuries of this Life dressparade at five Oclock P.M. nothing of unusual interest

Tuesday June 10th 1862 up early in the morning. felt fine. company detailed to go on picket duty. 6 A.M. Reported at gen. Lawler's head quarters Sent out on the west side of the Rail Road north of camp. had a very good post duty very light. in charge of a Squad of six men during the day, in the Reserve at night nothing of great interest transpired during the day. weather very pleasant though some what warm quite a number of citizens was passed in and out of camp mostly pedlers and coffee hunters, coffee being very scarce and in good demand

Wednesday June 11th went into camp early in the morning to pilot the Relief out to their posts. Started out at 6 A.M. was Relieved By a company from the 12th Michigan Reg't. returned to camp weather very warm & dry Spent aBout three hours in cleaning up gun & other accouterments afternoon extremely sultry orders very strict in camp in consequence of some Liquor Being smuggled into camp. got a man tied to a tree now for drunkenness &c no Reliable news of any importance to day dressparade at five PM as usual

Thursday June 12th very pleasant in the morning turned of very warm, dry and sultry to much so to Be very comfortable Spent the day lounging around. Conversing with Citizens &c which were numerous in camp. they were very anxious to procure coffee, an article they have Been destitute of for some time. they all desire to have peace. 5 oclock P.M. dressparade. nothing of note

Friday June the 13th weather very warm, dry and sultry health good, dressparade at 5 P.M.

Saturday June the 14th all right in camp. health extremely good. took a Stroll out in the Country. early in the morning. walked out four miles on the rail Road to a Mr Kidds found the Old Woman in rather ill humor in consequence of the arrest of her husband last night. the girls, Miss Addie and Mattie were in a Better humor than their mother. had quite a chat with them. passed the time very pleasantly. eat some nice ripe plums talked politicks awhile. old lady very hot headed "secesh" gave her a few facts to consider on the subject and to show her how the people of the south had Been deluded and misled. treated the girls to a cigar. saw them smoke. learned that it was a custom, a mong fashionable society for the Ladies to smoke cigars chew snuff. and play cards &c a practice rather disgustful in the north 2 P.M. Started Back to camp stoped at the House of Mr Canade aBout an hour eat a pie and some milk talked some to the old woman quite a clever old Lady who treated me very kindly. Seemed to have a Strong Sympathy for the Union Soldiers. had a little chat with one of her girls. a very good looking and smart young Lady remarkably so for Tennessee. after resting a while started for camp arrived there about 4 P.M. felt much refreshed from the Monotony of camp life after my visit although it had a tendency to to make me Home sick. to make me wish that I was free again and at home with my friends weather dry and hot & sultry

fine in the afternoon dressparade as usual nothing more of great interest

Sunday June the 15th one oclock A.M. waked up orderd to cook two days Rations and Be ready to march at 3.0 got Breakfast complied with the order. But did not start until aBout seven then the whole division took up their line of march in a north western direction under the command of Gen John A Logan the country through which we had to travel was rather poor. small farms. and small crops. the soil is very sandy thus making it very disagreeable traveling and to ad to our discomfiture the weather was extrememly hot. the Boys Became very much fatigued though we stoped frequently for water and two rest Just before night we passed through the town of Montazuma. a small country town. of a very pretty location though the greater portion of its inhabitants seem to Be of the African descent. marched aBout three miles from the town and camped for the night on a Small creek after marching the distance of aBout twenty miles. did not pitch our tents. just Lay down in the woods. sleped well. and rested fine all things considered

Monday June the 16th called up at three Oclock in the morning got Breakfast and then Started on our journey at day light the Roads were better today not so Dusty and the country a great deal richer the Road was Lined on either side with Large farms mostly planted in Corn But generaly a poor prospect for a crop some fields were sown in oats. But is an entire failure. Some good fields of wheat. though not enough to Bread the Country to day the weather was very Sultry the sun poured down her scorching rays upon us without mercy and though we halted frequently for rest and water many of the Boys fainted By the wayside and it is reported that two or three fell dead By the Road side halted at a large creek in three miles of Jackson rested aBout three hours then marched into the City aBeautiful town of considerable note and famous for its secesh ism. marched through town to the west side and pitched our tents for the night (our company did not for our team did not get in) slept in one of the fair ground Buildings rested fine &c

Tuesday June the 17th Team came up early in the morning. got some grub to eat spent the forenoon in lounging around and sleeping afternoon went down to the Forked deer River half mile south of camp and took a good Bathe. returned to camp picked some Blackberries had a fine supper cleaned of camping ground weather much cooler to day. quite pleasant indeed. rained very hard at night came in time as rain was very much needed cooled the air and made quite pleasant

Wednesday June the 18th moved camp and changed front to the west weather very pleasant and cool especialy of nights. cleaned up gun. regulated camp in the fore noon. and in the afternoon went to the River and had a pleasant Bathe. returned to camp through the woods. picked some Blackberries on the way five oclock in the afternoon dressparade on the Color line no news of any great importance Citizens Still Remain very stuborn, obstinate, generaly have forbid their darkies selling us any thing or visiting our camps

Thursday June 19th 1862 in camp. Health very good weather very pleasant. Boys all in fine spirits. company detailed on fatigue to clean up Camp grounds quarters &c. detailed in the A.M. in charge of fatigue Squad at Col. Rhoads Head quarters

afternoon went in company with E Graff into the country in search of Berries found a few Strolled around a while over the country and then returned to camp cooked our Berries. eat supper

5.30 PM dressparade as usual order issued to commence Battallion & Company Drill

Friday June the 20th "/62 weather a little warm but pleasant went three miles in the country west of camp. after wood. visited a house found several Ladies of the "Secesh" order who had considerable to say in general & a great many questions to ask in particular. had quite an interesting time, got wood and picked some Berries and returned to camp. much refreshed for a visit to the Rural districts

5.30 in the afternoon dressparade as usual no news of any great importance in camp Tom Cambell returned

Saturday June the 21st 1862 roll call at Revalie. Health good weather a little pleasant But warm. first Brigade formed early in the morning. and took a pleasure walk to the City of Jackson and a promenade through the principle Streets of this famous den of ceseshism where the infernal Demon got his Birth in Tennessee. during our promenade through town But few of its inhabitants showed themselves at all most all the doors and windows were closed in the principle dwellings

six oclock P.M. dressparade on Colorline. and order for general review and inspection on June 23d of troop here

Sunday morning June 22d all right in camp. health very good roll call at Revalie company detailed on picket duty. reported for orders at six A.M. sent out two miles on the Boliver Road posted at the Bridge across the River nothing of importance occured during the day. duty very light. climed a large Bush tree cut my name & company and Reg't in large letters in the Bark fronting the Road. picked some Berries cooked them. took a nice swim in the River and passed the rest of the time as Best I could under the circumstances weather very pleasant &c

Monday June 23d 1862 relieved from picket at six A.M. By Co. from the 18th Reg't. marched into camp commenced to get some breakfast. called into line for grand review and inspection 1st Brigade formed and marched out on the ground Reviewed by Col Ransom (formerly of the 11th Reg't but now on Gen McClernands Staff as assistant inspector Gen.) Major Gen. McClernand & Gen Logan weather very warm rendering the exercisese rather unpleasant.

six P.M. dressparade an order issued forBiding the circulation of confederate scrip of all denominations.

Tuesday June the 24th health usualy good. Boys enjoying themselves finely weather very sultry Battalion Drill from six to half past seven A.M. By Captain Hamilton marched to quarters dismissed went out in search of Blackberries got about two gallons. had them Baked into pies on the halves weather very sultry in the after noon four P.M. Company drill in front of quarters rather short drill six in the afternoon dressparade on the Regimental parade ground roll call at eight P.M.

camp near Jackson June 25th Revalie at dawn of day. health very good. battalion drill at 6 A.M. to half past seven by Capt. Hamilton. weather very warm and sultry officers drill at 9.0 AM afternoon went to town on a pass Staid about two hours didn't see any thing interesting or worthy of note

dressparade at 6 P.M. on Colorline after which we intered the Body of John Batterton a worthy member of Co K, 8th Reg't. Ill. Vol. who died in hospital at 2 AM of disease of heart. Burried with military honors. nothing of great interest transpired during the day

Jackson June 26th 1862 up early in the morning felt fine eat hearty Breakfast. from 6 to 7.30 A.M. Battalion drill By Capt. Hamilton rather a pleasant time. 9 A.M. officers drill By Col Rhoads exercise short dismissed orders in camp very strict Rumor that Fremont had Been defeated in Virginia. also that our troops had Been drove from grand junction last night By Beauregard. rumor discredited. company drill at 5 P.M. of half an hour. after which we had dress parade. things very quiet here secesh quite pliable now. think they'l succumb (soon)

Jackson Friday June 27th 1862 up early in the morning got Breakfast called out for Battalion drill fifteen minutes before six A.M. officer drill at 9. A.M. But it proved a failure as our drill master did not come

5 oclock P.M. Battalion drill By M H Lawler, the most tyrannical officer in the service void of all Human principle he delights in the misery of others, especialy that of soldiers.

6.30 P.M. dressparade on the Color line. weather very warm dry and sultry no news of any importance to day

Saturday June the 28th 1862 health very good Reg't. detailed on guard duty. went on Battalion drill at 6.a.m. drilled until half past seven went to quarters 8t A.M. guard mounted was assigned the third relief day very hot and sultry. orders very Strict nothing of any great importance transpired during the day no news of any interest

Sunday June 29th 1862 relieved from guard at 8t Am gen Lawler having caught some of the third relief sitting down on their posts ordered that they Be marched to the guard house Stack arms Be made take a rail each and carry it around the entire guard line. But fifteen of the number refused to act and was therefore ordered to the guard house By Lawler E. Graff and A. S. Baylor was a mong the No! at ten am. attended the Episcopalian church in the city of Jackson quite a large and intelligent congregation present the services were rather cold and formal. But wound up with a very good discourse returned By the River took a good Bathe it Being the only opportunity of which I could avail my self. 5 P.M. dressparade as usual.

Monday June 30th 1862 got up just at daylight hooked some wood. got Breakfast called out for Battalion drill at half past five drilled to seven marched to quarters dismissed 8t A.M. Reg't. called out and formed. mustered for two months pay by Col. Rhoads Boys released from guard house. weather very hot, Sultry

four Boys returned to camp, three from furlough, one from detached service. Received orders to Be ready to march at a moment's notice with three days rations. 6 P.M. dressparade on color line. marching orders limited to one days cooked rations

Tuesday July 1st 1862 up at the dawn of day had roll call company detailed at picket duty reported for orders at 6 A.M. sent out on the Southern Boliver road posted at the bridge on the River one mile and a quarter from Jackson had a good time caught some fish. picked Some Berries and milked all the citizens cows that would not take the oath. had a nice Bathe in the river. marching orders countermanded 2nd brigade ordered Back nothing of unusual interest took place while we was on duty no citizen allowed to pass the lines that won't take the Oath or hasn't taken it

Jackson July 2nd 1862 relieved at six 6.30 AM. by company K, 18th Reg't. I.V. returned to camp rested all the forenoon 5 PM. called out for Battalion drill. drilled one hour and a half and dismissed dress parade at 6.40 an order read dispensing with Brigade guard & establishing a system of patrol guard. also five roll calls per day one in the morning one at tattoo the three intermediate at the pleasure of the Col. all absentees at either roll call without leave to Be punished at the pleasure of the Col. weather very hot. & dry.

Jackson July 3d 1862 Battalion drill at halfpast five in the morning to seven a picked company detailed from each Reg't in the division to contend for a prize of [he left it blank] to be awarded to the Best drilled Co. in the division at Jackson E Graff and A S Baylor detailed in the company they spent most of the day in drilling and getting ready for the Contest under the special charge of Capt. Wheaton, company C weather very not hot for this climate ["not" here is above the line with an insertion mark between "very" and "hot"] and season of year six thirty P.M. dress parade as usual

Jackson Tenn July 4th 1862 roll call at Revalie detailed on camp guard (as sergeant of guard) (or rather patrol) [both his parens] 8th Reg't had to furnish all the guard, each Reg't. taking it alternately. guard mounted assigned at post on road northwest of camp. with squad of three men and two corporals. duty very light object to prevent civilians from entering our camp milked all the cows that wouldn't take the oath picked some Berries and had a very good time in general weather comfortably cool and very pleasant. posted in good shade and not very far from camp this morning a Brigade test was made By the detailed "Co"s to see which should contend with the other Brigades the old 8th was victorious another item at Battalion drill this morning nearly all of those that was detailed for guard refused to drill. thinking it rather tough to drill two hours and then go on guard the same morning not enough of the Reg't. went out to form a Battalion so we was ordered to quarters to have a short Co. Drill and to report all that refused to drill. to Be punished. to to prevent mutiny in future. as it was very apparant that if not surpressed would lead to open mutiny in the army yet I can't Blame the Boys much for it is a habiliment of American nature to resist wrong and to rebel against tyrany and oppresion and so I think it was in this case But this with another little incident is exercising a salutary influence over our military oppresor (vis) on the parade ground where we resorted to drill was two nice persimon trees with large Bushy tops thus affording an abundance of shade at all hours in the day. under these Shades our field and drill officers would congregate for a chat and leave us to rest in the Broiling sun and while we would Be drilling some of them would assemble there to watch the exercise. But such things were not to last always. it was to nice for our sensitive nature. so last night, with saws in hand we made a Bold dash at the trees and striped them of their foliage. then returned to quarters feeling much Better. judge of the feeling of our officers this morning when we went out to drill to see their favorite resort thus spoiled. my motto officers no Better than men

Jackson July the 5th relieved from duty this morning By the 18th Reg't. weather very pleasent health good rumored that McClelland had Been drove back 17 miles from Before Richmond generaly douted in camp after noon went to the River had a good Bathe returned to camp 5 PM had a short Battalion drill drill by Lawler then dismissed had dress parade at Sundown Set no Reliable news of any importance in camp things all very quiet here at Jackson now Rebels quite tame.

Sunday Jackson July 6th alright this morning. weather rather warm to Be pleasant went out on a pass with J Baylor and E Graff to pick some black berries got a Bout two gallons and a half. and Back to camp by 10 Oclock. nothing of extra ordinary note or unusual interest took place during the day had dress parade at six oclock in the afternoon. and after dress parade Services by Chaplain Day a very interesting discourse on the resolution of the prodigal Son "I will arise and go to my father" &c times a Bout as usual in camp.

Monday July the 7th weather very warm. Health good company drill from 6 AM to 7 Oclock exercises not very grevious though rather protracted marched to quarters and dismissed. detailed for guard. guard mounted at 8 A.M. sent with a squad to guard the western depot on the Missippi Central R.R. duty very light. only four posts and five reliefs quite an excitement was created in camp By the reception of a dispatch that McClelland had taken Richmond with some seventy five (75.000) thousand prisnors not generaly credited in camp

*Boys released from the guard house

Tuesday July the 8th releived from duty at halfpast eight in the morning returned to quarters. Spent the rest of the fore noon in resting and tinkering around and So forth

dress parade at 5 in the afternoon and a Short order read making the Citizens responsible for the protection of the telegraph and railroad &c

Battallion drill at 6 PM of over a half hour after which the Cap't took the company down to the River and had a nice Bathe no news from Richmond to day. anxious to hear from there

Wednesday July 9th 1862 up at the dawn of day. roll call at Revalie Company drill from 6 to 7A.M. in the manuel of arms exercises rather pleasant

officer drill at 8t Oclock by Cap"t" Wheaton Co. E. also in the manuel of arms weather tolerable cool and moderately pleasant

afternoon weather very warm and Sultry dress parade at five oclock P.M. general order issued requiring all the Citizens living inside the picket lines to take the oath By noon Saturday the 12th or suffer the Consequences

Battallion drill at 6 PM no news of any importance

Thursday Jackson July 10th 1862 company detailed for picket duty. reported at 6 A.M. at Brigade head quarters for orders was sent out North west of Camp over half mile and posted on road weather very Sultry Spent the day in picking Berries Cooking and eating them and laying round in the Shade

Night was posted out in a corn field in charge of a squad of eight men, Night very warm. mosquitoes very Bad. the object of this post was to prevent citizens from running the lines, to escape taking the oath or Being arrested, didn't catch any Body. rained in afterpart of the night

Friday July the 11th 1862 weather more pleasant this morning evacuated our post at day Brake and retreated in good order, falling back upon the reserve without loosing a man or seeing an enemy

6.30 A.M. Relieved from duty By a company from the 18th Reg"t returned to camp spent the day in cleaning up arms & &c

(5) Oclock in the after noon dressparade on the Color line Succeeded By a Battalion drill at 6 PM on the parade ground by Col F. L. Rhoads of an hour after which was marched to quarters and dismissed. no news of note.

Jackson, Saturday July 12th 1862 up at day Break in the morning roll call at Revalie. Boys all in very good health and tolerable fine spirits all things well considered.

company drill at 6.AM of one hour by Lieut. McClung company dismissed officers drill at half past seven by Cap't. Wheaton in loading and firing dismissed after half hour's pleasant exercise

weather warm But pleasant dress parade at 5 oclock P.M. on the Color line by Capt Sturgess

6 P.M. Battalion drill on the parad ground, no news of any importance in camp.

Sunday July 13th 1862 up early in the morning Roll call at Revalie health very good in the company. most of the Company detailed on guard duty around camp. guard mounted at 8t A.M on patrol guard duty assigned a post at the northwest corner of camp. had quite an interesting time, milked some of our kind "Secesh" neighbor's cows made some Apple dumplings and had quite a feast in general.

weather very pleasant. rained quite a Shower about four P.M. cooling the air and rendering it more pleasant. no news from Richmond

Monday July the 14th 1862 relieved from guard at 9. A.M. returned to quarters spent the forenoon reading cleaning up gun &c. weather very pleasant, nice, cool and quite agreeable, and not much duty to do. none very grevious to Be Borne expecially for a soldier

after noon dressparade at five P.M. on Color line by Capt. Sturgess. Battalion drill at 6 P.M. on parade ground By Capt. S. of very short duration and not very proffitable in the extreme

Promoted to third sergeancy in the Company to rank from first July E. Graff Promoted to fourth Corporal

viz G G Stone reduced

Jackson Tennessee Tuesday July the 15th 1862

all right in camp. nothing of any importance transpiring. weather fine and pleasant But a little warm

Company drill from 6 A.M. to seven by Lieut. McClung. not very interesting in the main spent the rest of the fore noon in reading and lounging about camp

after noon went to river on pass to wash clothes weather very hot. returned at 4 P.M. rained a nice shower

five P.M. dressparade By Maj. Sturgess no news of any importance 6 P.M. Battalion drill By Maj. Sturgess. weather cool and nice

Wednesday July the 16th 1862 up early in the morning roll call at Revalie. company detailed on pickett duty. Reported at Brig. headquarters for orders at 6 A.M. sent out on the Boliver road. company deployed in squads and posted along the River. I remained at bridge with reserve. no duty to do But to Milk Cows, and drink milk until dark. took charge first relief

weather cloudy all day with light showers at intervals during the day. Rumored that Gen McClelland had surrendered up his entire army to Jeff davis not believed. night rained very hard

Jackson July the 17th 1862 all right in camp, health very good no news of any importance weather fine and pleasant company drill at 6 A.M. of one hour succeeded

By officers drill at 8t A.M.

afternoon dressparade at 5. oclock Battalion drill at 6 P.M. of one hour. nothing of importance going on

the Boys are living fine now on vegetables and fruits of all kinds which they obtain from the citizens for the getting. I think the citizens here will feel the Burden of war

Jackson Friday July 18th 1862 up early in the morning. roll call at Revalie. company drill from 6 to 7 A.M. by Lieut. McClung. not very interesting as he is not a very skilful in structor officers drill at 8t A.M. five oclock P.M. dress parade on the Color line By Maj Sturgess Battalion drill from 6 to 7 P.M. by Maj Sturgess.

weather very pleasant and cool for the season of the year and southern climate

J L Rush taken very sick something like congestive chill Sudenly Became speechless taken to hospital

Jackson Saturday July 19th up early in the morning. company detailed for picket duty. reported 6 A.M. at Brigade head quarters for orders sent out to the Bridge on the Boliver road. only one post. two sentinals. company in charge of Lieut. McClung

weather very warm in the fore noon, River very high. amused our selves for post time swiming, milking cows, and so forth. raind some in the after noon and very hard in afterpart of night on duty from dark to eleven oclock. no news of any importance in circulation

Sunday July 20th 1862 Relieved from duty By a company from the 18th returned to camp weather cloudy, cool and pleasant found things all right in camp Rush some better. went to a peach orchard out north of town got some peaches. returned to camp. went to the city on a pass to church. so crowded that I could not get in. remained out with the negroes until Church dismissed. Saw some pretty Ladies then returned home much refreshed

dressparade at five in the afternoon no news of any importance in circulation.

Jackson July 21st 1862 up early in the morning. weather very pleasant, cool and nice health very good in camp now

company drill from six Oclock to seven A.M. Officers drill at 8t By capt. Wheaton execise very interesting & pleasant

afternoon weather some warmer Thermometer had about (80) to 85.

dressparade at five P.M. by Maj Sturgess no news of any importance. some official orders

6 P.M. Battalion drill in the manuel of arms. in front of Col's quarters by Capt. Leifer went Bathing after drill

Jackson Tuesday July 22nd roll call at Revalie in the morning health still very good. weather very pleasant and rather Nebulous

company drill from 6 to 7 AM By Lieut. McClung marched to quarters and dismissed spent the rest of the fore noon lounging around after noon went to the River took a good Bathe &c

5 Oclock PM. dress parade on the color line as usual no orders of any importance

6 to 7 Battalion on parade ground By Col Lawler of whole Brigade

weather very warm and sultry untill dark got some cooler

Wednesday July 23d heavy rain last night with considerable storm and heavy thunder water raised two inches deep in tent. didn't sleep very much lightning struck a tree near company B glanced of into tent hurt one or two of the Boys and Broke gunstock

detailed on fatigue reportted at eleven oclock at the western depot in charge of a squad of twelve men and two corporals Staid there until six oclock P.M. had nothing to do at all

weather pretty warm but tolerable pleasant. no news

Thursday July 24th all right in camp. weather moderately pleasant. Health very good company drill from 6 to 7 A.M. officers drill from 8t to 8t30

afternoon weather quite warm dressparade at four oclock P.M. read part of the army regulations to the Reg't. with some orders from gen Grant in regard to getting Apples, peaches, corn, &c

Battalion drill from 5 to 6 By Col. Lawler Com. Brigade

no other news of great importance to any body.

Jackson Friday July 25th all in good health. weather very pleasant. company drill from 6 to 7 A.M. by Lieut. McClung exercises rather dull.

spent the rest of the fore noon in reading and passing the time as Best I could

four P.M. dress parade as usual. finished reading the rest of the Army regulation.

5 P.M. Battalion drill on the parade ground By Col. Lawler very interesting

reported that that the rebels contemplate the recapture of western Tennessee

Jackson Saturday July the 26th rained considerable last night. Still raining this morning detailed on guard duty with two days rations. also Sergeant Gunn and ten men under Lieut. Taylor, Co. A reported for duty at 6 A.M. sent out on the Miss. Central R.R. four miles south of Jackson to guard a Bridge no duty to do until dark posted the guard untill midnight relieved By Sergt Gunn nothing

of interest occured during the day. train came from the south loaded with Cotton reported federal evacuation of grand Junction

Sunday July 27th 1862 on post at the Bridge all right weather fair, nice and pleasant, after the rain yesterday no duty to do more than than remain close to Headquarters some large plantations in this part of the state citizens most wealthy secesh and in the Rebel army. country Rich in corn fruit and vegetables of all kinds. deserted slaves whose masters are in the rebel Army seem very anxious to bear arms in Be half of the federal Gov't spent the day pleasantly. eighth Reg't sent to Boliver this evening

Monday July 28th weather warm. Health good relieved from duty by 30th Reg't. returned to camp. quite a warm walk. found the Reg't. gone But all things else right But rather lonesome

after noon camp Alarmed By the report that a lot of Rebel cavalry had Been seen west of town

all soldiers that was able to Bear arms was ordered out, and preparations made for the defense of the camp in case of an attack ordered to sleep on our arms at night

Tuesday July the 29th all right in camp called up at three oclock A.M. but as there was no signs of an attack was dismissed at day light. weather fine and pleasant no news of any great importance spent the day in reading and lounging a bout camp nothing to do But cook and eat and not much of that

report in camp that Co's G & H was taken prisnors

weather quite sultry this afternoon with strong indication of rain heavy thundering

Wednesday July 30th weather cloudy and pleasant Health very good went to the River took a good Bathe washed clothes &c felt much refreshed. returned to quarters By the way of a corn field got some green corn. cooked it for dinner had a fine time

after noon commenced raining aBout one P.M. came up with a storm of wind

teams all ordered to the other side of town

night all quiet in camp. no news of any great importance

Jackson July the 31st all quiet in camp. weather warm, cloudy, and Showers at intervals no news of any importance heard that the Regiment had gone out in the neighbor hood of Denmark on the Hatchee River and had had a fight with the Rebels. no particulars

excitement about the attack of Jackson Mostly subsided Citizens not so jubilent over the anticipated attack. But are rather docile

rumor that gen. Logan gave orders to Burn the town in case that we had to evacuate

Jackson Friday the 1st August weather rather cool and cloudy health very good in camp no reliable news from the Regiment to day Still Rumored that they have had a Skirmish with the Rebels termination not known here yet Saturday the 2nd August weather warm health very good in camp. afternoon received marching orders with ful camp equipage Started just at dark. marched out 6 miles on the denmark road and camped for the night

Sunday August 3d started early in the morning arrived at denmark 8t A.M. six miles distant weather very warm. hard marching marched 12 miles from Denmark to the Brownsville road and met the Reg't. marched to Browns ville 4 miles By 4 Oclock then marched two miles South of town and camped very much tired

Monday the 4th 1862 weather very pleasant health tolerable good nothing of interest

Tuesday August 5th weather very warm health not very good some of the Boys not very well. had a visit from A F Story nothing of interest going on in camp. things quite dull

Wednesday August 6th weather very warm health in camp not very good got a very good camping ground plenty of good spring water right at hand, Boys very well rested up. feel quite refreshed. no duty to do. no news of importance

Thursday Augt 7th health very good. weather very warm all quiet in camp no news of interest

Friday Augst 8th weather very warm and sultry health tolerable good cavalry had a fight with the Rebel Faukner killed and took nearly all his men prisnors

Saturday 9th Aug'st detailed on picket guard posted east of camp had charge of three posts nothing of interest transpired. weather very sultry

Sunday August the 10th weather turned cooler today. health not so good. some sickness in camp. relieved from duty half past seven no news of importance

Monday Aug'st 11th health about the Same weather very hot and sultry nothing to do in camp pass the time as Best we can. A musing our selves with various games and tricks. no news of importance in circulation news rather a scarce commodity just at present

Browns ville Tuesday August 12th weather very warm and sultry health moderate. no news of interest Received marching orders to Be ready to march at 4 P.M. with two days rations

4 PM called into line started for Toombs Station on the Ohio & Mobile R.R. marched until 3 Oclock in

the morning and camped at Estanola on the Hatchee River 18 miles distant lay down on the ground untill morning

Wednesday the 13th 1862 Still at Estanola waiting for the 30 & 20th Reg'ts to Relieve us weather very warm and Sultry

Thursday Augt 14th 1862 weather still warm 20 & 30th Reg'ts arrived to relieve us no news of importance

4 P.M. started for Toombs Station moved very slowly on the account of hot weather marched 8 miles and halted for supper Just at dark But a violent storm Coming up we had to take shelter in an old campmeeting shed lay there until 3 AM and then started for Toombs Station through the mud and slop

no news to day of any importance

Friday Augst 15th "/62 after a march of 6 miles through the mud we arrived at the station Just at day light. got Breakfast quite a Brisk little shower of rain came up shortly after our arrival 7 A.M. took cars for Jackson had quite a pleasant ride arrived at Jackson at 9 A.M. marched out to camp found things all right the train had arrived two days in our advance

5 P.M. dress parade long String of orders. drawed pair of pants with a fatigue suit.

Saturday Augst 16th very cool. turned cold last night. too cold to sleep comfortable. though rather pleasant to day nothing to do of any consequence no news of any great importance in camp. feel very much rested up after our expedition to Brownsville. health very good in camp now. no sickness of any consequence reported that we are to Be paid to morrow. can't say.

great dissatisfaction prevails through out the army in regard to the war policy of the government as carried out By the officers in authority the policy of guarding Rebel property, Bucking & gaging soldiers for simply getting a few peaches or Apples out of a "Secesh" orchard will, if persisted in tend to, or finally terminate in open mutiny. Soldiers are getting tired of fighting the Rebels and guarding and protecting them at the same time we earnestly hope for favorable change in the policy of conducting the war. and that very soon with the general confiscation act no levity to Rebels. no protection of person or property. no returning of negroes to their masters. But allowing them to remain in camp as cooks. Such a policy would meet the approbation of the soldiers and soon end the war.

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H Graff	$10 ten dollars bill	11220 (2)
J M Rhodes	" " " "	11221 (2)
J Brown	" " " "	11222 (2)
J L Rush	" " " "	11223 (2)
C C Haydon	" " " "	11224 (2)
J H Robinson		
J W Baylor		
J W Drake		

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A S Baylor	75 "
A McCullough	25
C HazleBaker	25
J M Mahan	12 1/2
J H Macon	30
C C Haydon	10
G G Morre	4 dollars
J C Reeves	25
Jacob Landis	10
J C Reeves	10
Mathias Kepler	
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John Brown	75 cts

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Saturday Augst 16th 5 Oclock P.M. dress parade as usual. no news of any importance. 5.30 Battalion drill By Col. Lawler. Col. Rhodes put under arrest for refusing to report to a junior officer for duty weather very warm and dry

Sunday Aug. 17th 1862 detailed for guard post as patrol guard had nothing much to do weather very warm and dry and Sultry no news of great importance no guest in camp

Monday Aug 18th relieved from guard at 8t A.M. Returned to quarters. 10 A.M. mustered in compliance with an order from the war department. to ascertain who was absent without leave
muster over returned to quarters Signed pay roll for two months pay
weather very warm dry and Sultry. health tolerable good in camp
8 P.M. summoned before pay Master received $26.00 as pay for two months

Tuesday the 19th 1862 very pleasant morning health very good in camp no news of importance in forenoon. afternoon considerable excitement in camp guard house full of drunken men carousing around all the guard houses in town full to the 8th Reg't never took such a spree before in my knowledge
5 PM dress parade an order read from Gen Grant allowing four negroes cooks to a company also allowing them regular rations

Wednesday Aug't 20th very pleasant morn ing health good in camp as usual no news of importance some excitement this morning in consequence of J Landis finding him self on rising minus sixty ($65.00) five dollars taken during the night

Thursday 21st Aug't 1862 Received orders to be ready to move our camp at 8 AM moved out north of town on the ground formerly occupied By Gen Rap. pretty place But water scarce

Friday the 22nd weather very pleasant and nothing doing in camp. all perfectly quiet five PM dress parade

Saturday August 23d 1862 Reg't paraded at 10 A.M. in compliance with an order from war department in honor of the death of ex president Vanburen an order read suspending all duty on the day following and requiring all Com. officers to wear crape on their swords for sixty days PM arrested for getting peaches from a Col. in the Rebel army, released.

Sunday the 24th 1862 weather very pleasant health good as usual 9 A.M. attended church in the 69th Reg't heard a very good Sermon By the chaplain of the Reg't. concluding prayr By Col. Moroe of the Regiment
5 P.M. dress parade as usual Brigade order read regulating drill dress parade &c also a Reg't'l order forbiding getting of peaches &c under heavy penalty if found violating the order no news

Monday the 25th Augst weather pleasant. no excitement in camp. health good as usual no duty in the morning 5 PM Battalion drill on parade ground

Tuesday Augst 26th very pleasant morning weather cool and nice health good company drill from six to seven 5 PM dress parade as usual no news of great importance nothing doing in camp. like our Brigade Commander very so far

Wednesday Aug. 27th weather fine. health very good. ordered to Be ready for review and inspection at two P.M. two oclock Brigade formed and marched down to the old fair ground troops all reviewed By Maj. Gen. McClernand. very dusty and disagreeable
division was formed in mass and addressed By the Gen. for a few minutes his farewell speech he asked for and was granted permission to carry to spring field the flag that the 8th Reg carried through fight at donelson & Shilo

Thursday Aug't 28th weather very pleasant health good as usual. company drill from 6 to 7 AM ordered to Be ready by 8t A.M. to go and escort Gen McClernand to the depot 8t AM a detachment from the 8th and 7th M.o marched down two the Gen head quarters waited aBout two hours on the Gen. he made his appearance with staff escorted him to depot. returned to camp afternoon rained very hard. had a visit from John Tuttle. no further news

Friday Aug'st 29th 1862 weather quite cool and pleasant this morning health very good in camp afternoon went up to town on a pass didn't see or hear any thing of importance the Secesh look quite sober returned to camp just in time to go on dressparade nothing unusual transpired during the day no news of interest times very dull in camp soldiers all getting quite lazy and dilatary. hope the war will soon end

Saturday Augst 30th very pleasant morning. health good as usual. nothing of unusual interest transpiring in camp Boys all in fine spirits company drill from 6 to 7 afternoon weather a little warmer. dressparade at 5.0. P.M. a dispatch received from Bolivar stated that the troops there had been attacked By a force of Rebel cavalry But that our troops had repulsed them with heavy loss no further particulars from there considerable excitement in camp in consequence thereof

Sunday Augst 31st 1862 up early in the morning. health good. detailed for guard reported for duty at 6:30 &c posted at head quarters in charge of fourteen men considerable excitement 7th Mo sent to Meden had a fight with Jackson's cavalry routed them with heavy loss night apprehension of an attack on Jackson preparations made for any emergency great excitement all night. various rumors flying nothing reliable Reg't mustered for pay early in the morning

September 1st 1862

Monday Sep't the 1st "/62 relieved from duty at 8t A.M. returned to camp considerable excitement still prevails Reg't. under Marching orders. rumored that one Co of 45th, one of 12th Michigan was taken prisnor at Bolivar also that Col. Hagg of 2nd cavalry was killed in the fight also rumored that the 20th and 30th Reg't was taken prisnor at Estanola dress parade at 5 P.M. stacked arms and left them out all night heard that 20th and 30th was not taken prisnor serious apprehensions for their safety

Tuesday the 2nd Sept. very pleasant morning the weather cool and nice health very good in camp reinforcement sent to 30th and 20th reached there just in time to prevent their capture considerable excitement in camp in regard to the anticipated attack on Jackson 5 PM dress parade on parade ground no further news of interest commander here very busy at work fortifying the town & preparing for a fight

Wednesday Sep't. 3d. weather fine But a little warm health very good no news of any importance excitement some what subsided an order issued commanding all the citizens in Jackson and vicinity to Bring in and surrender up their arms over a thousand stand of various sorts was delivered up three houses Burned last night in town five P.M. dress parade as usual no further news

Thursday Sept. 4th weather warm health Still good. Some reinforcement arrived to day the 25th Mo. on their way to St Louis Stopd for a few days still some apprehensions of an attack here at this place our force is very small But I think sufficient for the emergency what we lack in numbers we will make up in fighting. 4 P.M. 8th & 25. M.O. had dress parade to gether. an order issued Bringing all the the Slaves in the county in to work on the fortifications

Friday Sept. the 5th called up at three Oclock A.M. formed in line of Battle in rear of our tents dismissed at day Break 10.30 a.m. received orders to Be ready to in forty minutes with Blankets two days rations & 80 rounds of cartrages ready marched to Logans Head quarters then out of town. loaded in wagons twelve men to a wagon then took the Denmark road weather hot and dry & dusty arrived at town just at sundown Camped for the night in Baptist church yard

Saturday Sep't. the 6th in camp at Denmark all right nothing transpired worth note. heard various rumors of the rebels Being in force a cross the Hatchie River concentrating there for the purpose recapturing Jackson and other places in western Tenn our force consisted of companies H K and J of the 8th Reg't. and about one hundred cavalry we remained in Denmark while the cavalry scoured the county for miles around finding several soldiers who were wounded in the recent engagement Between the 20th 30th Reg'ts and the Rebels near this place the most of these were paroled not Being able to admit of Being moved remained in Denmark during the forenoon saw nothing of importance P.M. our mission Being ended we loaded in and started for Jackson 2 P.M. where after hard driving over rough roads and through clouds of dust a distance of twelve miles we arrived a little after dark in safety

Sunday Sep't. the 7th weather very pleasant health good as usual nothing of unusual interest transpired through the day nothing doing in camp no news

Monday Sep't 8th pleasant morning health good as usual rained considerable during the day cooled the air laid the dust and made things more pleasant three companies sent out on a scout 5 PM dressparade

Tuesday Sep't 9th weather still pleasant considerable excitement in camp in consequence of our recent defeat in Virginia. nothing of further importance

Wednesday Sept 10th finds things as usual going on after the same old sort. the same monotonous train of events concomitant to Military Camp Life
5 P.M. dress parade as usual &c

Thursday Sep't 11th very pleasant morning Health good as usual nothing exciting going on in camp things rather dull. afternoon went to town rained most all evening Returned By By the 18th Reg't D.M. paid me ten dollrs of borrowed money
saw nor heard nothing in town of any great importance negroes arrive every day to work on fortifications in compliance with orders so to do

Friday Sep't 12th finds things in camp all right Health good nothing exciting By any means no news of any importance at all weather very pleasant

Saturday Sep't 13th finds weather very fine and health good Co drill of two hours in the morning. afternoon weather a little warm dressparade at 5 P.M. and Battalion drill for one hour nothing more of interest afloat

Sunday Sept 14th weather very pleasant health good as usual in camp things all quiet no news of great importance

Monday Sept 15th all right in camp detailed on fatigue duty reported at 7. A.M. put in charge of aBout one hundred Negroes at the eastern Depot to unload cars of Guns, Cartriges &c load them in wagons hauled them up in town and deposit them reported fighing at Corinth Sent some troops there

Tuesday Sept 16th company drill from 7 to 8t weather very pleasant no news of interest all quiet in camp dress parade at 5 P.M. and Battalion drill until dark. dismissed. Receivd marching orders at four in the morning with ten days Rations destination supposed to some where on the rail road for guard duty no news to day from the east all anxious to hear from S.D

Wednesday Sept 17th called up at 2 A.M. this morning preparatory to leaving here got Breakfast packed up & started just at daylight commenced raining a Bout four A.M. marched to the eastern depot took the cars. went to Meden. on the O. & M. C. R.R. twelve miles from Jackson rained all day Comp. sent of on two days guard all But five or six. nothing more of interest transpired during the day.

Thursday Sep't. 18th all right in camp weather fine health very good. detailed on picket guard duty to report at 8t A.M. posted on the east of town in charge of two posts nothing of great interest occured during the day. had a very interesting time quite a number of Citizens came in to town during the day negros report that their masters talk of Price attacking Meden soon

Friday Sep't. 19th relieved from guard at 8t A.M. returned to quarters. weather fine health good company relieved from duty on railroad report having Seen some rebel cavalry Co. J sent in a man informed the Major that quite a force was in two miles of Meden with the intention of making an attack. made preparations to receive them company cleaned up the Old Station House for Quarters

Saturday Sep't. 20th got up a little cold this morning seems that my blanket was most to short. nights rather cool. things as usual in camp commenced Building a fort By diging a trench two feet deep pulling down some old log cabins setting the logs in on end twelve feet high with two tiers of port holes making it quite formidable. & on an eminence that commands the ground all round the Station

Sunday Sep't. 21st very pleasant morning health good as usual detailed for picket guard posted west of the station in charge of two posts Stoped at the post near the Widow Emersons went up to the House at noon got my dinner and had a pleasant chat with her daughter Mary quite a prepossesing red headed lass of (18) summers nothing of any consequence transpired during the day no news of interest

Monday Sep't 22nd relieved from duty at 8t A.M. returned to the Station found things all right after noon run the hand Car down to the trussle work with Major Sturgess & Capt Dennison got Back at 4 P.M. after a hard trip of three hours, Comp. detailed to work on rifle pits
commenced shipping troops to Bolivar reported that Gen. Rosencranz had engaged and completely routed prices forces

Tuesday Sept 23d 1862 weather very pleasant & health good as usual detailed for Bridge guard with two days rations posted south of the station 2 1/2 miles at the new Bridge took a stroll through the country got dinner at a citizens for which I paid 25 cts returned to post afternoon visited the house of Mr Carters But miss Fanny not Being at home made my stay short no news of any import

Wednesday Sep't. 24th all right. Boys killed a slow deer. got some sweet potatoes and had a fine time in general rained some last night But weather pleasant to day nothing transpired of any note trains running all the time carrying troops to Bolivar (rumored) for the purpose of intercepting Price who after his defeat was supposed to Be making his way for the Miss River all quiet round Meden

Thursday Sept. 25th weather pleasant. relieved By Co. J. at 8t am. returned to Meden. found things all right no news of any note after noon cleaned up gun &c 5.P.M. dressparad By Capt. Wilson.

Friday Sept 26th 1862 finds the weather still pleasant and health good as usual nothing transpiring worthy of note. times very dull. nothing But guard duty now to do 5 P.M. dress parade By Capt. Wilson on main Street in Town no news

Saturday Sep't 27th weather fair health good as usual no news of any note

Sunday Sep't 28th finds health good in camp & things in gen. after the same old Sort detailed on guard posted east of town in Charge of two posts rained hard in A.M. no news of any importance nothing new worthy of note

Monday Sep't. 29th weather fine relieved from guard at 8t A.M. returned to camp found things as usual no news of any importance dressparade at 5 P.M. By Capt Wilson

Tuesday Sept 30th weather fine health good in camp. no news of importance things as usual Boys all in fine spirits 5 P.M dress parad as usual By Capt Wilson

Wednesday Oct. 1st company detailed for Bridge guard duty. put in charge of the third post visited Miss Fanny Carter had a very interesting time rumored that Price had crossed the hatchie River and was making in this direction nothing reliable to that offered nothing new worthy of note PM went and got some sweet potatoes Borrowed them of a Secesh til after the war

Thursday Oct. 2nd finds us at our post on duty also the rain pouring down in torents continued Raining untill after dinner managed to keep partialy dry By hard work rather a wet, rainy, cloudy, drizzly, gloomy, Cheerless day. no news to day of any importance lost a pocket inkstand. a present of Dr S L Craig staied at post all day

Friday Oct. 3d 1862 weather fine, health good relieved from duty By Co. J marched to camp found things all right no news of any importance

Saturday Oct. 4th things as usual weather fine and health very good received news of a fight in progress near Bethel no particulars more than we got the Best of them no further news

Sunday Oct. 5th finds the weather fine and health good as usual 76th Reg't, of I.V. passed here on their way to Bolivar they are a fine Reg't was in fine spirits seemd anxious for a sight of the Elephant. learnd from them that Gen Rosencranse had given Price an other threshing also that Gen. Oglesby was severely wounded no news of any great importance afloat

Monday Oct 6th detailed for guard reported at AM posted north of town in charge of two posts nothing transpired during the day worthy of note

Tuesday Oct 7th relieved from duty at 9 A.M. returned to camp weather fine Health good as usual nothing of interest transpiring Afternoon gathered some Chesnuts &c.

Wednesday Oct 8th weather pleasant Health good in camp no news of any importance things about as usual in camp nothing But guard duty to do But plenty of that after noon finds all quiet drawed an over coat and two shirts as the fall rains are now near at hand over coat is a splendid Article nice felt cloth & well made

Thursday Oct 9th finds things all right company detailed for guard duty at Bridges on Rail Road South of Station placed in charge of three first posts on the Road nothing of any note transpired during the day Rumored that there was a squad of Secesh Cavalry in the neighBorhood But it proved to Be a Ruse as far as we could ascertain

Friday Oct the 10th finds us on duty at our post and alright But weather rather unfavorable cold and rainy rained most of day at intervals. got some fresh meat & sweet potatoes. fixed our SheBang so as to keep dry as possible rained some during the night nothing of further interest took place during the day or night

Saturday Oct 11th weather fair But Cool and Chilly Breakfasted on fried mutton sweet potatoes Bread & coffee &c run the hand car down to the furthest Station and Back again with the cooking utensils found the relief on hand ran on to Meden found camp all right no news of importance Some Union Citizens Brought in a Secesh Spy that they had captured some ten miles from [end of entry]

Sunday Oct 12th weather cool health very good no news of any importance 4 P.M. dress parade

Monday Oct 13th called up at three oclock A.M. with orders to Be ready to march at 4 marched out east 6 miles met some citizens 24 in no. who acted as guide we searched all through the county for a Band of guerillas But did not find them returned after marching aBout 25 miles

Tuesday Oct 14th 1862 weather fine. nights cool. Health good as usual no news of any importance in this vacinity much rejoicing over our recent victories at Corinth and in Kentucky dressparade at 4 P.M.

Wednesday Oct 15th finds the weather fine & Health moderately good in camp news in this vacinity very scarce news from all quarters very encouraging 4 P.M. dressparade By Maj. Sturgess

Thursday Oct. 16th finds things as usual detailed on guard duty reported at 8t A.M. was posted west of Station in charge of two posts nothing transpired worth note weather very pleasant in day time But rather cool for comfort at night twelve Oclock at night waked up passed a negro woman through lines that was escaping from her master visited the other post found things all right no news of any importance

Friday Oct. 17th quite cool this morning health very good. relieved from guard duty at 8t A.M. returned to camp found things all right Boys all in fine spirits no news of any importance afloat in camp. paroled prisnors from Braggs army are coming home daily to Meden and vacinity
fruit and potatoes are getting rather Scarce to Be convenient for the Boys.

Saturday Oct 18th company detailed for guard duty on the R.R. placed in charge of the three first posts nothing took place during the day worthy of note. Boys killed Some fresh meat.

Sunday Oct 19th a little cool this morning nothing strange happened last night. sent to the sixth post Staid there untill dark then Sent Back to the 4th post. staid there all night nothing strange took place. [in between the lines are two lines that read:] went to camp after whiskey for the xx boys with Lieut. McClung

Monday Oct. 20th relieved from guard duty By Co J returned to camp Health good in general few exceptions Sergeant Gunn was taken very sick yesterday some cases of Ague in company sent five dollars to David Bayler Delta Ills to Buy a pair of Boots no news of any great importance in camp paroled prisnors from Kentucky come in here daily some take the Oath

Tuesday Oct 21st weather fine, Health the same rumored in camp that gen Grant had Received a dispatch to the affect that Jeff. davis had offered to Lay down his arms on certain terms dressparade at 4 P.M.

Wednesday Oct 22nd weather fine got a pass went out in the country on a foraging expedition got some Apples and some sweet potatoes talked some politics returned to camp dress parade at four P.M.

Thursday Oct. 23d "/62 health as usual weather fine no news of any great importance 4 P.M. dress parade By Sturgess

Friday Oct. 24th finds things as usual detailed for guard sent out west of the station had a very good time afternoon paid the widow Emerson a visit had quite a chat with the family and the girl in particular nothing of note transpired no news of importance

Saturday Oct. 25th finds me at my post in good health turned cold last night very cold this morning relieved at 8t A.M. returned to camp commenced snowing aBout noon and snowed with a vengeance making it very uncomfortable to poor soldiers snow fell aBout two inches deep citizens say that such a snow so early has not Been known here for some time. no news of importance

Sunday Oct 26th finds the weather still cold with some snow on the ground. Health as usual company detailed for Bridge guard on the R.R. put in charge of the 4th post took a scout through the country found some chesnuts, Muscadines & Apples But could not find any swine returned to post no news of importance night Boys got some chickens. night a little cold. nothing particular

Monday Oct. 27th finds things all right negro woman came in reported that her mast Samuel Thomas had aBused her also that he had a gun hid in his house. got permit to go and get it made my demands which was readily complied with got some sweet Potatoes & chickens then returned to post foraging teams from Bolivar to day are just cleaning the country out. expecting a fight at Bolivar Vs Price

Tuesday Oct 28th relieved from duty By company J returned to Meden found things all right still some Ague in company Serg't Gunn some Better his Father took him to Jackson to day no fight yet at Bolivar. rumor says that price is moving in that direction with some (70,000) men perhaps exagerated a little. 4 P.M. dress parade By Maj. Sturgess no further news of note (loaned W B Sanders five ($5.00) dollars)

Wednesday Oct. 29th 1862 weather fine health good no news of any importance afloat Still rumors of Price's advance on Bolivar 4 P.M. dress parade By Sturgess night killed a fine hog splendid meat

Thursday Oct 30th weather fine health good as usual Boys in fine spirits went in quest of grapes and persimmons found them in abundance and of the Best quality returned to quarters spent the Remainder of the day in reading &c no news from Bolivar of note

Friday Oct. 31st 1862 finds me in the enjoyment of excelent health & in fine spirits also weather fine for this season detailed for guard duty. put in charge of the roads west of Station. after noon visited the widow Emerson had quite a pleasant chat with Miss Mary spent the afternoon in her company. then returned to my post went to camp got supper visited other post found things all right no further news of importance the Reg't. was Mustered for pay at 9 Oclock A.M. by Major Sturgess commanding Reg't

Saturday November 1st 1862 finds me all right & at my post relieved from duty at 9.A.M. returned to camp found the Boys all well got my breakfast felt some Better got a pass to go into the country to kill some turkeys of the halves for Miss Mary Emerson took three Boys with me only found two turkeys got some chicken and plenty of chesnuts returned to camp in the afternoon came (via) Mrs E's had quite a chat with Miss Mary night two trains went down loaded with troops anticipate a fight near Bolivar Before long

Sunday November 2nd 1862 weather quite pleasant health very good in camp at this time three trains went down this morning loaded with troop for Bolivar 30th, 31st 45th and the 124th was on Board also Gen J. A. Logan a forward movement and a fight is expected in the vicinity of Bolivar as Price is known to Be near there with quite a large force But nothing is to Be feared as to the result Wrote a letter to Aunt Martha Holloway also to Pro A Botherton, Peoria Ills nothing further during the day

Monday Nov. 3d 1862 pleasant morning Boys well as usual company detailed for guard duty on the R.R. left in charge of 4th post killed a pig strict orders against leaving post Rumored that we are to Be relieved to day or to morrow by the 116th Reg't nothing took place during this day worthy of note no news to day from Below

Tuesday Nov 4th finds us at our post all right and in good health took a little Ramble to day in search of grapes & chesnuts got plenty of the former. But few of the latter Received a letter from home Bearing the sad intelligence of the death of Sister Esther on the 22nd of October 1862

night three trains down one loaded with troops. the others with freit. rumored that our troops had moved from Bolivar & Corinth fight expected soon nights pretty cool &c

Wednesday Nov th 5th relieved at 9 A.M. By Co. J. returned to quarters found things all right. wrote a letter home. one to N E Craig received my Boots from Bloomington through the agency of David Baylor fit to a dinkturnity

Loaned Lieut F J McClung thirty ($30.00) dollars until next pay day sooner or later

no relief yet. dont know when they will come. hope not at all or not very soon any way 4 P.M. dress parade By Major Sturgess nothing of further note

Thursday Nov 6th 1862 very cool this morning health very good Boys in fine spirits or at least it would seem so for they Broke into a cer last night and Borrowed two or three barrels of whiskey Some of them got rather "tipsy" to Be all together able to keep their equilibrium arrested some of them for disorderly conduct dress parade at 4 P.M. orders read for a general search also holding camp officers responsible

company quarters searched By Lieuts. McClung & Mercer some whiskey found no news from Below to day.

Friday Nov. the 7th weather cool and windy & very disagreeable health very good in company. Boys some what cooled of. Took a stroll into the country to day visited the house of Mrs Emerson took dinner had quite a spirited deBate on politics with Mr A Emerson & a very interesting time with Miss Mary though I had to quit where I commenced as he was deaf to the voice of reason Miss Mary was more pliable & in a measure acknowledged that I was in the right of it no news of interest from Below

Saturday Nov. the 8th 1862 finds the weather very cool. health good as usual. Boys all in fine spiritis all things considered 20th Reg't passed through this Morning on the train for Lagrange. they Brought the news that we was to Be relieved soon order came to detail a guard to accompany the wagon train through that was to arrive to day

Loaned Cap't N.W. Denison ($5.00) five dollars till

next pay day no news of any importance from Below only that Grant was still advancing on the Rebels nothing of unusual interest. several of the Boys tight after night

Sunday Nov. the 9th 1862 finds the weather a little cool in the morning. health very good detailed for guard. posted on the west of town paid Miss Mary Emerson a visit took dinner & had a very interesting time inded. 119th Regt came down to relieve the 8th guard relieved about two oclock. went Back to Mrs Emerson & staid the afternoon passed the time very pleasantly more so than at any other place in "tenn" returned to camp just in time to go on dressparade at 4 P.M. returned to quarters night killed two hogs as we stood in need of some meat

Monday Nov. the 10th 1862 finds me up early in the morning getting ready for our departure on the first train according to Orders first train came & no room for us three hours later the second came & yet no room for us Col. Stevens was on Board said the we would take the next train in half an hour no news of any importance in this vacinity the Citizens seem to regret the changes of Reg'ts at least they hoped to see the old 8th leave Meden Tenn sundown 3rd train and no room went to Bed was waked up at (12) the train having come soon got aBoard and was on our way (But not rejoicing) for Lagrange The weather was cold, the cars crowded so that I had to take the top of the car run well untill after we passed Bolivar then our rout was more tedious the train stoping frequent in 12 miles of the Junction we had to wait some time on an other train. got out. Built fires and warmd our selves. it Being very dark I saw nothing worthy of note I had hoped to pass down in day light so that I would Be able to get a glimps of the country so as to form some idea of its wealth &c suffered considerable from cold &c

Tuesday Nov. the 11th 1862 on the train and tolerable cold health very good daylight found us some 10 miles from the Junction arrived there a little after sun up Staid there aBout three hours then switched of for Lagrange got there aBout noon disembarked Reg't formed marched out from town a piece along the R.R. and en camped in the Brush cleared of the ground put up tents &c and fixd to stay a while.

the weather was a little more pleasant to day clouded up towards night grand Junction is not much of a place, Lagrange quite a town.

Wednesday Nov. the 12th 1862 en camped near Lagrange. weather cool cloudy & damp. health very good in camp. grub very poor. spent the forenoon in quarters reading &c no news of importance from the front. daily expect a fight

after noon had a visit from Cousin J D Weaver R N Kettern of the 26th Ills Boys in good health went with them to the 41st and 17th Regts saw John McPherson found him well &c returned to quarters just at night 26th boys staid all night with us no news of interest from the front &c

Thursday Nov the 13th 1862 finds us in camp and all right in good health & fine spirits Weather clear. warm. and nice. no news of any great importance in camp to day from the front 17th Reg't. added to our Brigade to day & moved their quarters close to ours on the right.

the old 8th is again in the field in real earnest. the Monotonous duty of guarding Bridges has played out with the 8th and now comes the scenes & changes of an active campaign we have had a long rest from such duty. hope it will Be all right

Friday Nov the 14th 1862 in camp as usual health very good among the Boys the weather exceedingly fine and pleasant 10 oclock A.M. Brigade drill of three hours By Col. Stevenson comd Brigade had a very interesting time of it and I hope profited some By the exercise

reported that Price has evacuated Holly Springs and that our troops have undisputed possession of the place no conjecture here as to when he will make a stand if he does this side of Virginia 4 oclock PM dress parade By Major Sturgess (no more news of interest)

Saturday Nov the 15th /62 finds the weather fine and pleasant. health good as usual in camp the Boys in fine spirits and full of hope for the future

10 AM Brigade called out and formed for drill Col Stevenson Com"d,g took it through various evelutions wth great success in the Main proving himself to Be a skillful drill master

4 PM dress parad on the color line By Major Sturgess no news of importance from the front to day all quiet in camp.

Sunday Nov 16th 1862 finds the weather very pleasant and health extremely good in camp. got orders in the morning to hold our selves ready to fall in at any time to receive Major Post (now Col.) at the depot. as he was expected to arrive on the first train Twelve M the Regt was formed marched to the depot Received the Major who made a short speech hoping soon to Be with us again he was taken prisnor at donalson and this was the first time he had met the Regt since

4 PM dress parade by Major Sturgess. &c

Monday Nov the 17th "/62 finds it raining some rained very hard last night and till 9.A.M. weather continues damp & cloudy health very good no news of any great importance

a lot of Negroes sent down on the train this morning in conjunction with an order from "Grant" to take all the Negroes in country & put the to work picking the cotton on the deserted plantations a wise plan as it will Benefit Both the governmnt and the Starving Negro such plan meets my hearty approbation. "J."

night Ernst Groff resolved to marry as soon as the war is over no news of import

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Clothing account of Nov..

date	name of article	price	cts
17th	one Government blanket	2	95
17th	one knapsack		
22d	one pair of socks	00	25
23d	one canteen		

Tuesday Nov 18th 1862 in camp near Lagrange weather very pleasant But a litle damp. Health as good as usual amongst the Boys

10 AM Brigade drill By Col Stevenson rather tedious & not productive of seemingly much good to the Brigade drilled aBout two hours & 1/2

afternoon rather cool & cloudy dress parade at 4 P.M. By Maj. Sturgess no orders of importance

no news from Holly Springs or Below there of any importance or great interest nothing very exciting in camp

Wednesday Nov. the 19th 62 finds it raining very hard rained all last night and until 9. AM didn't get Breakfast untill nearly ten A.M. on account of the Rain

fifteen minutes after ten Brigade was called out & formed for drill Col. Stevenson took us through a few unsuccessful evelutions. kept us out for about three hours then sent us to quarters faired off and proved to Be a pretty day, a little windy

no exciting news from the front or any where else

Dress parad at 4 PM By Major Sturgess Com'd'g Reg't

Thursday Nov 20th 1862 weather very pleasant. health as good as usual in camp no cases of serious sickness

ten AM Brigade called out and formed for drill Col. Stevenson Bored us aBout three hours with his notions of the science of military evelutions &c &c

four Oclock P.M. dressparade on the Color line of 63d an order read fining the 20th Regt twelve hundred & fifty dollars for damages done to Sutlers &c Before the Regt left Jackson

No news of any importance to day from any quarter

Friday Nov the 21st 1862 weather a little cold But quite pleasant in all other respects Health as good as usual ordered to prepare for a review at two Oclock PM &c

2 PM fourth Brigade called out formed and was reviewed By Major General McPherson & Brig. Gen. J.A. Logan things all passed of nice and in splendid order review lasted three hours we was then marched to our quarters & dismissed &c

no news to day worth note from the front

Saturday Nov 22nd 1862 finds the weather very pleasant Health is good as usual in camp nothing of great or extraordinary interest transpiring. news is rather a scarce Article in camp now at this particular time

Gen. McPherson reviewed a Brigade in front of our camp was not a very inspiring scene

Rumored that our troop had captured 50 "Secesh" one Lieut Col. & one Major amongst the number

four Oclock P.M. dress parade on the Color line By Major Sturgess no orders of any importance or news from the front

Lagrange Tennessee

Sunday Nove the 23d "/62 finds the weather very pleasant health good and all quiet in camp nothing exciting going on in this part of the country

Mr Snider our Sutler returned last night with his goods called on him to day and reviewed same Gold pens. Sent By Pro Botherton according to previous arrangement also a large Diary Book cost of my pen four ($4.00) dollars. of Books ($1.00)

4 Oclock P.M. dress parade By Major Sturgess concluded the third reading of the order of Gen Grant fining the 20th Regt for their depredation at Jackson Tennessee rumored some skirmishing in front

Lagrange Tenn [first example of code "L1gr1ng2 T2nn"]

Monday Nov 24th 1862 Weather very pleasant for the Season of the year health as good in camp as is usual Received orders to Be ready to appear on parade ground at two oclock P.M. for grand review in splendid style and trig

2 PM. Brigade called out and formed was then reviewed By Maj. Gen"ls Grant and McPherson and Brig. Gen. John A Logan the whol scene past off in fine style and splendid order. no news of any importance from front to day (reported Some Skirmishing.)

Tuesday Nov 25th 1862 called up at day light. weather cool and chilley. Health as good as usual

in camp Boys all in fine spirits and full of hope for the future.

half past twelve Reg't. called out for drill. exercises conducted By Major Sturgess drilled us aBout three hours and a half But to very little effect as the Boys soon got tired of such monotonous exercises and did not try very hard. and in turn the Major got angry and kept them out for spite 4 P.M. dress parade By Capt Leib.

Wednesday Nov the 26th finds things after the same old sorts. Weather cool and windy Health as good as usual afternoon Regiment called out for drill. after spending three or four hours in futile efforts to go through some new evelutions all owing to the inefficiency of the officer in command as he did not know what he wanted to do

4.30 P.M. dressparade By Captain Leib no news of great importance from the front rumored the Bragg had formed a Junction with Price making a force of one hundred thousand in our front

Thursday Nov the 27th 1862 weather quite cool. not very well. got Bad cold, and sore throat rested very poorly last night Detailed for guard reported at the General Hospital in charge of fifteen men. had orders to take three to the Head quarters of the Medical director D Wartz But he said he did not want them. Reg"t received marching orders to march at Six A.M. with two days rations cooked eight P.M. relieved from duty By Serg"t and nine men from the 17th Reg"t. our destination is not known (9th Cavelry arrived)

Friday Nov the 28th called up at three in the morning got Breakfast Struck tents &c and awaited orders (weather very cool & disagreeable) at dayBreak Brigade marched out & formed in order of March 4th Brigade in Rear of division 8th Reg"t in advance Brigade aBout noon we moved off slowly passed through Lagrange Stoping every few minuets to wait on the train after dark moved off quite Brisk & 10 P.M. found us in camp 8t miles from our Starting place & four miles in Miss the whole county nearly on fire fences along the Road all Burnt.

Saturday Nov. the 29th 1862 in camp weather pleasant Health good Rested fine last night raned slight shower aBout midnight up at day light. was rear guard. did not start from camp until noon then moved of rather slowly for a while owing to the difficulty in keeping such a large train in motion the Roads was excelent no impediment what ever to our progress marched aBout eight miles or nine and pitched camp on cold water creek about 9 P.M.

rested fine, heard that our advance was in Holly Springs and six miles South

Sunday Nov the 30th finds Health good. weather warm cloudy and damp called up at day light got Breakfast Struck tents &c &c then took up line of marck at 8t A.M. 8th Reg"t in advance of Brigade Brigade in rear of the Division Moved off quite Brisk Between ten and Eleven we could hear heavy cannonading in the front continued untill after 3 oclock aBout one or two PM we passed through the City of Holly Springs on the East side we pitched our camp for the night very nice Place for camp We found Holly Springs apparantly deserted of its population (except Colored) now and then you would see a Man on the Streets, generaly looking like a picture of despair they had given all they had to Price had supported his army &c and it was no more than reasnoble that they should expect him in return to Defend the City and protect them from the yankees. But to the contrary on the approach of Grants army Price concluded it was policy to move farther south as his troops was to poorly clad to Stand the inclemency of the Northern Storm which he rightly divined was near at hand. and the only way to escape it was to fly Before it had encircled him with its Iron grasp from which he knew it would Be impossible for him to extricate himself

now and then we would see one corner of a window Blind slightly pushed to one side and some timid tollow face (curious to get a peep at the invading yankees) slightly ostensible to the Oculor vision But if they found that you had discovered their place of secret observation they would withdraw immediately

while some more embolden would even dare to open the door and gaze at us with impunity as we marched through the streets of their sacred city which they had defied us to enter

and others still more so, even dared to muster up moral courage enough to venture out into the Street to facilitate the opportunity of gazing upon the invading vandals. But it was not a look of admiration But of indignation and vital hatred which they could not and made no effort to conceal.

for hear we received no demonstration of welcome, no waving of the kerchief, no shout of Joy, no smile of welcome. the flag of our country waved from no window or from the house top or from the Public Buildings of the place, as which as to say welcome weary soldiers. Brave defender of the country of our fore Fathers. welcome to our city

But Just to the reverse. for they had sworn that Before we should enter the State of Miss. they would wash the line away with our Blood But now we are in the state 20 miles have met no opposition. the State line is still their unless it was Burned the day we entered

for the whole country seemd to Be a livid sheet of fire woods and fields were on fire the fences all Burned the inhabitants had fled the Country was deserted and look as though through some mighty Revolution she had Been converted into one vast Desert

so much for the effects of ReBellion and its concomitant evils in one short month a prosperous country has Been changed to a wild waste, to a drear wilderness and its scatered population from all its former wealth has only fell heir to the sweet hope of future sufferings and perhaps starvation with the consoling thought that they Brought it on them selves without course and now persist in their wicked rebellion through spite and that without the hope of gaining any thing But defeat and destruction in the end, and the ruin of their country and the downfall of that accursed institution the Grand cause of the War and for which they are making such strenuous efforts to make the paramount law of the land. & to take the precedent of the law of Freedom But now they are eating their reward. the Legitimate fruits of the corrupt tree of their wicked designs and may God send that the war may Be pressed home to them with still more vigor and severeness. Take the sword in one hand, the Torch in the other and Teach Them such summary lessons that this Shall Be the last Rebellion that the Sacred history of the United States shall ever Be poluted with in all time to come.

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	H Schaneman	
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2nd	H Florence	P
	[unknown]	
	J.W. Demerast	H
3d	John Barnet	E
	John Heeler	D
	T Jockes	D
4th	John Leonard	D
	Wm Hicks	D
	Beathern	E

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2nd " Geo Merion
3rd " James W Jessee
4th " Wm A Gunn
5th " W. R. Saunders

1st Corp James Carman
2nd " Sid J Hazelbaker
3rd " Ernst Graff
4th " John S Wiley
5th " Charles Stillhamer

Private Obadiah McCullough
" " Stephen B Brooks
" " Lytle R Henline
" " John Cummings
" " John W Ayers
" " John Brown
" " James W Drake
" " George W Carr
" " Harley S Hall
" " Satchel Carman
" " William Miller
" " William A Dunkel
" " Albert S Baylor
" " William Hinshaw
" " Jacob Landis
" " Edwin E. Combs
" " John G. Waertz
" " George W Cloud
" " George J McLellan
" " William H Holdiness
" " Ashford R Matheny
" " Jacob W Baylor
" " John St James
" " Wm Cloud
" " John S Rush
" " David Roads
" " James Shenessy
" " Henry Stillhamer
" " Gabe Wahl
" " John Taylor Drummer

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December the first 1862 finds Health moderately good in camp. two new cases of sickness. supposed to Be an attack of lung fever weather cool and chilly rained very hard last wind Blew very hard upsetting several tents spent the fore noon in writing and running aBout saw a pet Bear that was caught two years ago in the southern part of Miss. at noon we received orders to get ready to march and at one oclock was on our way south Roads in fine order marched off tolerable Briskly marched seven miles and camped for the night where our cavalry had a fight the day before

But the ground Being very damp and the air Being so Bleak, not Being very well I did not sleep a wink. heard that Price had evacuated his fort on the River. got orders to Be ready to march at five A.M. without knapsacks and with two day rations.

Miss: December the 2nd 1862 was up early in the morning as I did not go to Bed not very well this morning weather not as cool as yesterday called into line at daybreak and the Column was put into motion marched out about five miles and made a halt aBout 8t in the a.m. it commenced to rain a little, But now it commenced in earnest But lucky creatures as we always are there was plenty of rails at hand & we soon had cheering fires the Boys scattered the woods killing hogs sheep &c Lay here until 3 PM then filed off on the right and went into camp. Built Booths and made ourselves quite comfortable for the night.

saw five prisnors coming in from the front heard some artilery in front learnd that Gen. Sherman had overtaken their rear guard and engaged them they made a clean sweep got away with all their effects &c

Miss Dec the 3d 1862 weather cloudy But rather warm Health very good in camp Received orders to march aBout 10 AM Regt. was formed and filed out into the Road moved off very slowly having to wait on the Train marched two miles and then came to the Talla Hatchie River where the Rebels had a fort the place was very well fortified and if they had Been disposed might of made a strong defence

crossed the River aBout noon marched through their fort and aBout three miles on this side and camped near a little town called Abby Ville

Boy went out and killed a Beef and some hogs, had a very good time generaly

Miss Dec. the 4th 1862 was taken sick aBout 3 oclock in the morning was taken with a shake and shook until day light. then I was taken with a Burning fever called in the Doctor gave me some powders But they done But little good the Doctor said that I had a severe attack of the Lung fever with Symtoms of typhoid aBout seven AM it commenced raining very hard and

rained steady all day. lay in camp under the fly of a tent got a little wet. the position was By no means comfortable for a well man say nothing aBout a sick one things looks quite dreary just now cold rain and very poor shelter for the Boys. But we hope for Better times

Miss Dec the 5th 1862 not any Better this morning rained hard all night without cessation or intermission Received orders to Be ready to march at 7.A.M. got in an Ambulance and started the ambulance was ordered Back with the other teams and a serious time I had of it over rough Roads and through mud holes. My right lung was so sore that it was very painful. I had to lay on my left side all the time aBout 12 at night we arrived at Oxford 11 miles distant and found the Regt. camped without tents the train not having arrived. lay all night in the open air did not sleep any at all very much fatigued after my ride.

Oxford Miss Dec 6th 1862 quite pleasant this morning feel a little easier got in Ambulance and started for the General Hospital went to Gen. Logans Head quarters saw Dr Good Brake was informed that there had Been no general Hospital established returned to camp Dr Phips our Regtl surgeon took possession of a Building formerly occupied as a Boarding House for the Oxford Colledge and moved all the sick of the 8th Regt there where we remained untill the 14th when we was moved to the General Hospital in the Colledge Building. there we received very good treatment though the Grub was very poor and poorly cooked.

[no entries for Dec 7-17. Dec 18 entry is on next page after Dec 6]

Oxford Miss Dec 18th weather quite pleasant some Better to day Been slowly improving since the 14th able to Be around some to day no news to day of import

Friday Dec. the 19th weather still pleasant. health still improving very slowly heard to day that the Rebels had attacked Jackson Tenn and that gen Rosencranse had taken five thousand prisnors. also that the Rebels had taken Humbolt

Saturday Dec 20th 1862 quite peart to day rumored that the Rebels had taken Holly springs Burned the Bridge over the tallahatchie River 8th Regt was sent Back to day. rebels consisting of Forests and Jacksons Cavalry

Oxford Sunday Dec. 21st weather warm and pleasant health improving very fast got an order from our surgeon in charge for a discharge from Hospital But the surgeon in charge refused to grant it and ordered all convalescents detained for fatigue. 10 A.M. order came for the Hospital to get ready to remove to Holly Springs on the first train 1 P.M. went to dinner. then went up to town to take a view of the city. met with our Sutler who informed us that our Regt was coming Back to Oxford. returned to Hospital very tired 8 P.M. Gen. Wordmaster came around told us to Be ready to start to holly springs at 6. A.M. also that our troop had fell Back and was in line of Battle expecting to Be attacked in the morning By a heavy force

Oxford Monday Dec 22d 1862 up at 4 A.M. feel quite well this morning though very weak every thing in a stir getting ready to leave. at day light the sick were all put in wagons and taken to the Depot and put on the cars. got my discharge from the Hospital to join the Regt. went up to town put things in Sutler store to wait for the Regt to come. spent the day in looking round town and visiting the citizens and taking notes on the effects of the war on the South. found the most of families almost destitute of subsistence. and must suffer without charitable aid.

aBout an hour By sun the Reg't came in and went into camp on their former camping ground I went over and took posesion of the Building (or one room) where we first had our Hospital and put up for the night. rested fine.

Oxford Tuesday Dec 23d 1862 arose at day light found the Regt just starting out to guard a foraging train found the weather cloudy and a little chilly feel tolerable well to day though a little sore from my exercise yesterday Built up a god fire in my room and made my self at home and quite comfortable considering all the various surrounding circumstances.

Heard to day that our cavalry had destroyed nearly all of "Pembertons" wagon train cant vouch for the veracity of the Rumor. after noon has every appearance of rain soon

Regt returned a litle before dark very tired having had a very hard march over hills & dales. no news of any great importance Rumored that Vicksburgh is taken By the combined forces of Butler and McClernand

Oxford. Wednesday the 24th up at four oclock found that the Boys was all up. had their Breakfasts and was ready to march got over to the Reg't. Just as the drum Beat to strike tents and load Wagons put my things in the ambulance. as I was not able to carry them. Reg't. formed & marched in town Before day light lay there aBout three hours then marched out of town a mile rested aBout two hours then moved on. got in ambulance and rode six miles came to Lawmans division. had to wait two hours for them to pass. then marched on. passed through Abby ville two hours By sun: 11 miles marched across the Tallahatchie one mile

(making 17 miles) & camped in a cotton field rested very poor. rained at intervals during the fore noon.

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Thursday Dec the 25th Revalie Beat just at the dawn of day. got up. eat my Breakfast. feel quite sore and tired after marching yesterday. weather cloudy this morning. carried up a lot of wood. got ready to cook some. then got orders to move camp. loaded up moved aBout a mile to the Timber. and pitched camp handy to wood and water. afternoon quite cloudy & warm with every indication of rain very soon

we can hardly realise that this is Christmas day every things is dul in camp. out of rations. nothing to eat no Big dinner. no roasted turkey. no gathering of young people to remind us of this day of festival rumored that Richmond is taken

Friday Dec the 26th 1862 up at daylight found my self not quite as well. taken with a severe diarhea last night. rested very poor weather a little Blustry this morning wind very high. quite cloudy with every indication of rain 8t A.M. commenced raining. rained all day. without ceasing.

a train of five (5000) hundred wagons started for Memphis this am at 3 oclock after rations, with Gen. Quimbys division for a guard no news of a reliable source in camp. we hear various rumors of cavalry fights. of attacks on Corinth, Bolivar, Jackson, &c with defeats of the Rebels with heavy loss of prisnors &c also rumored that they have moved their capital from Richmond to Montgomery Ala. that Burnside & Banks had taken Richmond with forty thousand prisnors. But these are mere rumors. Received orders to Be ready to march at 6 A.M. on foraging expedition

Miss Saturday, Dec 27th Revalie Beat at 5 oclock am got up and got Breakfast found the weather warm and cloudy with indications of rain. Raind nearly all the time last night sufficient to make the Roads very muddy and Bad Regt. was formed and marched off a little after day light But I did not go as I did not feel able for the trip not knowing how far we might have to march

rained some at intervals during the day, But slight showers. late in the afternoon it clouded up and thundred very hard. various speculations have Been rife in camp in regard to the war. some offering to Bet that Richmond is taken, others that peace is made, others that we will Be at home in four months end or By the 25th of next month

Miss. Sunday Dec. 28th 1862 arose this morning at day Break found my self feeling quite peart. turned cold last night and was right chilly, slept a little cold after sunup turned warm and was very pleasant all day. seemd nearly like a spring day up north the troop here was put on half rations yesterday it Being impossible at present to get a sufficient quantity shiped here to supply the troops encamped here rumored that Gen. Logan said that we would have to live on Homany for five days and it looks some like it now at present

4 P.M. Reg't. returned from their foraging expedition very tired got quite a supply of corn, fodder &c quite an excitement created in camp in consequence of the arrival of a large supply of sutler's goods no news of any great importance

Miss. Monday Dec. 29th "/62 feel very well this morning Health improving very slowly, still gaining strength By degrees, think I shall soon Be able for duty again if nothing happens Health in camp is generaly good Better than Could Be expected all things taken into consideration

the weather this morning is fine sun shone out Bright and warm as a may morning in June, imparting new life and vigor to all Beneath its cheering rays.

there is no news here yet, it seems to Be a prevailing opinion here amongst the new troops & some of the old ones, that peace has Been made, and that the troops are all going to Be sent home immediately, it is rumored that they are shipping them to Cairo as fast as they can get Boats

afternoon clouded up & rained some towards night. capture of Richmond confirmed

Miss Tuesday Dec. 30th 1862 do not feel quite so well this morning. Health in camp is as good as usual, nothing much to and that of a poor quality consequently there cannot Be very much sickness only get half rations of Bread and meat & quarter rations of tea and sugar. no coffee, have had no coffee for nearly two weeks or there aBouts

weather cool and cloudy quite disagreeable almost reminds one of home and of Northern winters the weather has generaly Been very warm not any cooler than our fall weather in the northern climates

no news yet from the seat of war we received one mail But it was an old one that had Been Back some time, But it gave none of the desired news. all anxious to hear what is going on in virginia and other places of interest no rumors to day worth note. all quiet

Miss Wednesday Dec 31st "/62 finds the weather quite cold, and frosty. ground froze considerable last night. did not rest very well. was rather under the weather with the diarhea. Reg't. was called up quite early this morning to go out on a foraging expedition in compliance with an order received last night started just at sun rise

Shelled some corn took it over to McAlisters Battery and ground it on a hand mill. made very good meal. But rather tedious

turned of quite warm & pleasant considering the temperature of the weather early this morning

this Being the last day of the month the troops here were all mustered for pay. have now six months pay due us.

a guerrilla party run into our picket line last night fired on the guard killing one man and wounding an other then dashed Back. our men returned the fire But with no ostensible effect. it is also rumored in camp that four of our Boys were found out in the woods swung to a limb they Belonged to the 63d Regiment I don't put much confidence in such rumors, think they are merely got up to prevent the Boys from going out of the lines foraging.

afternoon weather a little more pleasant no news from any quarter of any great interest or worth note Regt. returned just at sun down was out 8t miles got plenty of corn & fodder & some meat and turnips and left plenty there yet for the guerrillas to live on after we are gone from here. after dark drawed half rations.

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Thursday January 1st 1863 finds the weather cloudy. cold. windy. and. Chilly. not very well yet Still have a severe diarhea Health in camp as good as usual. no sickness of a serious nature. dont get enough to Eat to make any one sick

10 A.M. Reg"t. called out for inspection and muster in accordance with an order received last night inspection rather slight and short. muster did not last very long

Rumored in camp that Gen Burnside had Ben drove Back inside the fortifications at Washington and that the Rebel army was in six miles of Washington City also that he had lost twenty thousand men

Also that gen Rosencranse had given Bragg a complete threshing at or near Nashville

Miss Friday Jan,, 2nd "/63 finds My health aBout as usual. health in camp very good considering the weather

weather cold. cloudy. windy. and. chilly. in the forenoon. spent the most of the day in assiting the Orderly to make out the pay Rolls of the company.

afternoon turned warm and rained some towards night Received a visit from John McPherson. 41st Reg"t,, found him in good health & looking fine

no news of any Reliable source in camp to day. rations still short considerable dissatisfaction here amongst the Boys in consequence of having the live on half rations and not getting any mail. &c

But we still hope for Better times and try to reconcile our selves with the idea that it is all for the Better. and the good of the Country

"Miss" Saturday. Jan. the 3d "/63. finds us all right generaly weather warm But rather wet. aBout 8t Oclock last night it commenced raining came up with a heavy thunder Storm. thundered nearly as hard as I ever heard it in the summer time up north. rained hard for two hours. then rained study all night. and all day today in light showers at short intervals

train came down from Holly Springs with rations, drawed full rations of Bread and meat. and half rations of tea & coffee each.

Rumored that Gen. Sherman has Been fighting at Vicksburgh ever since the 27th of last month. Joe Johnston in command of the rebels there

also that a large portion of grant's army has Been sent to virginia to relieve Burnside

Miss Sunday Jan. the 4th 1863 health good this morning except the diarhea. weather a little cool & windy. But clear. after a hard rain last night heavy thunder Storm came up Just after dark and rained as hard as it could pour down for two or three hours then slacked up some and rained till midnight. then turned cool, and cleard of clear as a whistle

Reg't detailed as guard for a forage train Started out at A.M. went out twelve miles loaded teams with Corn & fodder. then returned to Camp. nothing worthy or note took place during the day

no news of any importance in camp from any quarter

after night received orders to Be ready to march at six in the morning with camp equipage &c.

Monday Jan.. the 5th "/63 up at four in the morning. feel quite well this morning. weather cool and chilly. Heavy frost last night. struck tents at day light and loaded the wagons and commenced to move out of camp. though rather slow on account of having such a large train and the Roads not Being very good finaly got started and moved of quite Brisk went with the teams awhile then went on a head as fast as I could stand it to travel. got to Holly springs aBout 8t P.M. nearly tired out. got supper then laid down to rest

Soon commenced raining got up and Graff and I went up in town got into a mans hay mow and slept fine rained hard half the night

got orders to march at 9 A.M.

[this next entry was included in the end of Diary #2. It is placed here in its expected position for the sake of clarity.]

January the 5th "/63 after a months absence we are again in the famous City of Holly Spring during this period we have fifty miles south of here have drove Price out of this part of the country and on our return

have destroyed the Country & R.R. But while we was gone Holly Spring has Been surrendered up to the Rebels By a Base traitor and ($1,000,000) worth of government goods &c destroyed and a number of our men paroled who surrenderd without firing a gun. But for this shame, this cowardly conduct is there no one By their valor, their Bravery and devotion to their country to make atonement in part. Yes there is six companies of the 2nd Ills Cavalry who immortalize themselves as American soldiers and who do honor to the cause for which they fight May History record the elustrious deed & generations to come rise up and Bless them after their comrades refuse to fight or are Sold to the rebels these Brave men cut their way through the Ranks of the Rebels and refuse to surrender though attacked By five to one they fight them from street to street while Citizens who hither to had proffessed to non comBattants fire at them from the houses and windows and even the women, (though not worthy the name of women) even presume to fire upon our retreating Brave men for which one received summary punishment one of our Brave Boys discovering her firing out of a window shot her dead. May this Be a warning to her that claims the protection of law that all nations grant to her sex Because they are considered passive in National affairs that would then dare to take the advantage of a soldier that dose not though he desire hurt a hair of her head and now after all this how changed we find this doomed city already a portion of her Best Building have met this just merit for they have fell prey to the consuming flames

[end of single entry from Diary #2. next two lines written along left edge of the page in Diary #3 containing the entry for Jan 6th:]

learned of the death of Seg.t. A J Story second cavalry who was killed on the 19th Dec, in the fight at Holly Springs

Tuesday Jan. the 6th 1863 crawled out of the hay just at the Dawn of day went to the Reg"t. found them Busy in getting ready to march

quite sore and stiff this morning can hardly travel went up in the edge of town & got my Breakfast at a Negroe house had a good Breakfast for which I paid fifty (00.50) cts things looked clean & neat went Back to camp put my knapsack in wagon then went up to town staid there till nearly noon saw D Weaver & J Mc 41st Reg"t. detailed to guard the 109th they Being under arrest for trying to parole them selves

marched out 7 miles to cold water creek and camped Before night was quite tired &c heard there that VicksBurgh was taken (Received a very large mail)

Wednesday Jan. 7th 1863 up early rested well last night weather very cold this morning froze hard last night. was the coldest night we have had yet train started out at day Break aBout sun up I started in company with one or two more Boys and marched along steady until noon then stoped and made some Coffee. rested then started on as fast as we could make it. not stoping to wait for any thing. Reched Lagrange half hour By sun nearly give out. distance 18 miles Bought something to eat then waitd for the Reg"t. marched on to Grand Junction 3 miles stoped at the 4th Cavalry and got my supper got into camp 9 P.M nearly gave up. went to Bed and rested fine no news of any importance here yet

Tenn.. Thursday Jan. 8th "/63 feel very well this morning only a little sore after my hard days march. weather very warm commenced to rain 9 AM rained all day. nearly without ceasing. Changed camp at 10 - moved aBout a quarter to a very good camping place with the exception of water. got some plank and flored our tent fixed up so as to live comfortaBle as it was the understanding that we are to camp here awhile.

heard to day that VicksBurgh was not taken But that Sherman had carried their outer works with heavy loss. & that "Banks" would soon reinforce him.

no further news of import. got some papers of the 7 But they were mum. mum as to what is transpiring found things in old "Tenn" as we left them over a month ago.

Grand Junction Tenn. Jan 9th weather warm. some what cloudy with appearance of Rain Health very good in camp some little sickness But none of a very serious nature.

Received Orders this morning to Be ready to march at half hours notice aBout noon the call Beat to strike tents & and load wagons this done started for "Lagrange" Commenced Raining rained all the afternoon without ceasing marched through Lagrange & two miles out and pitched camp Built large fires and dried our clothes Built fire in tent. slept very well considering the state of the weather and Being wet to commence with in the Bargain

no news of any importance from Vicks Burgh rumored that it is not taken Yet &c

Saturday Jan.. the 10th 1863 Revalie Beat at 5 A.M. got up got Breakfast, at day light learned that our present destination is "Lafayette" 16 miles distant on the R.R. not Being very aBle to walk and as the Roads was very mudy and it Being the understanding that we was to go there to night a friend and I concluded to to walk down on the RR as it was nearer & Better walking started accordingly pased through Moscow 8 miles at noon went out a mile made coffee eat dinner started on got to Lafayette 3.30 P.M. waited there until dark But no Reg"t. came up so we camped for the night slept in a mans corn crib rested fine

heard that Sherman had fell Back from VicksBurgh only a Rumor not reliable

Sunday Jan. 11th 1863 AD arose at daylight felt very much refreshed after having a good nights rest. after a hard days work. Built a fire and made coffee. eat Breakfast concluded to wait a while a see if I could learn anything of the Reg"t,, 9 A.M Marshes Brigade passed trough town on their way to Germantown Learned from them that the fourth Brigade was on its way felt quite contented

12 M. Brigade came up and camped pitched tents and fixed up to stay a while. (or like we was)

4 P.M. company detailed to guard a mill one mile north of "depot" Struck tents and moved out found the Roads very bad. But the mill quite a comfortaBle place to stay as there is very good Barracks Built no news or import &c

Isabels Mill. Jan. 12th 1863 rose early this morning in order to get a good view of our quarters. the Mill. Location of the ground &c. like the place very well with the exception of the ground Being rather low and wet to Be very agreeable in wet weather.

Health very good. feel quite stout went out three miles in the country this morning with a forage train to see what I could pick up called at the house of a Mr Johnston. to Buy a chicken or two he Being quite clever gave me one

afternoon returned to the Mill Captain saw me with chicken found out that I had Been in the country without permit gave me an extra guard. went on at 5 P.M. But slept all night.

no news of importance heard that a pay master was on his way to pay of Logan's division

Isabel's Mill Tuesday Jan. 13th was up By dawn of day rested fine during the night slept warm nothing transpired during the night worth note. four Negroes came to the line this morning on their way to the Land of freedom in Search of the much desired Boon of liberty retained them at the Mill. gave them something to eat put the men to shelling corn to pay for the Board &c

Started the Mill this morning to grinding corn every thing worked well got on fine for new hands as none of us is very expert hands at the Business

afternoon warm and cloudy. with indications of Rain soon no news of any importance from any quarter can't hear any thing out here at all

5 P.M Relieved from guard wrote letter to Dr S L Craig

IsaBell Mill Wednesday Jan 14th

Health very good Boys all well commenced raining last night aBout 10 oclock raned all night very hard. Still raining this morning hard. afternoon a squad of mounted infantry went out past here going after some horses in the country got out 3/4ths of a mile was fired on By a Band of guerillas concealed in the fence corners they had three men wounded one Badly and taken prisnor But left at a house near By (after wards recovered) our men fell Back and sent for reinforcements two companies of cavalry went out But saw nothing

rained hard all day river rising very fast gen. Logan sent us an order to come in for fear that the river shud get so high that we would get cut of. waided through water up to the fork Camped in a wood shed made us a fire and dried our selves

Lafayette Thursday Jan. the 15th dont feel very well this morning after getting wet last night got some cold and a new attack of the diarhea. rained last night until twelve M then turned cold and commenced snowing still snowing this morning and rather stormy snowed all day fell aBout six inches deep on an average. very cold for this part of this mundane sphere.

Boys got some mules and crossed the River after our camp equipage it all Being left there Last night and the Roads to Bad to get there with a wagon got the cooking utensils over, But had to leave the tents and rest of the things. no news of any importance in camp expect marching orders soon. Col. Post was too of been here this morning But did not come

[at this point in the diary he began to use the number code]

Lafayette Friday Jan. 16th "/63

slept in a car last night rested very well considering the inclemency of the weather weather clear and cold this morning snow aBout six inches deep freezing cold all day something new for this climate or at least the citizens say that it is rather uncommon

Col. Post arrived here on the morning train from Memphis Boys all glad to see Him

Rumored that Gen. Sherman had taken five thousand prisnors up Red River and that they had arrived at Memphis this morning

first Brigade of Lawmans division arrived here late this evening to relieve our Brigade. expect to leave to morrow or next day. destination not known But supposed to Be Memphis.

Lafayette Sat. Jan the 17th up early in the morning in very good Health weather very cool and disagreeable to soldiers

Received orders to Be ready to march at half hours notice with two days rations cooked in havre sacks Capt. got transportation on the Rail Road for Co K to guard the amunition through to Memphis

noon train came in loaded Co things on got aboard But did not get Started untill nearly dark had to call out a company with loaded guns to make the

engineers take the carrs that we was on all went well for fifteen miles when turning a corner the train flew the track turning one carr clear over mashing it all to peaces & turning two more over killing four men & wounding (75) more several died of wounds Co. lay there until morning near camp of 10th Mo.

Sunday Jan. the 18th 1863 feel a little sore sore this morning after getting carr wrecked though my injury was very slight it seems like a miricol any of us escaped death or serious injury gathered up the remnant of our effects from among the ruins of the reck got every thing ready to continue our journy to Memphis

two P.M. just got the track finished two trains passed over & we took the third got aBoard at three P.M. and startred for the crescent city nothing occured of note on the way troops camped all the way along the R.R., arrived at Memphis just before sun down camped in old cotton shed not a very comfortable place But Better than out of doors could not see much of the town. sent the sick and wounded to the general Hospital no news of any importance

Memphis Monday Jan. the 19th did not rise very early this AM feel very well only a little Sore all the Boys getting along fine. Health very good in company all things considered

weather warm and raining. rained nearly all last night tolerable hard streets very muddy and disagreeable getting a Bout through the citty

got a special requisition to draw rations (vs) endemnifications of loss on rail road By carrs running off the track went up town to draw rations. went to Gen.. McPherson head quarters to get it approved, then down the River to the fort to the commissary to draw them was nearly all over town. returned to quarters.

night learned that the Reg't was just out of town and would Be paid of in a day or two was visited By pay master Davis of 3d Ills heard that little Rock was taken with seven thousand prisnors.

Memphis Tuesday the 20th weather cold and chilly Health very good. Moderately good in company. No news of any great importance afloat in the city the leading business of the city seems to Be drinking & whoring

Wednesday the 21st 1863 Health good as usual in Co. nothing of unusual interest transpiring in the city that I can hear of. except drinking carousing around & robing

made out the pay rolls to day and signed them expect to get this months pay to morrow or next day at least that is the word now in camp

not very well to day had something like the Choleranarbus last night was very sick

weather cloudy and rainy rather chilly for comfort.

Memphis Thursday Jan.. 22nd

weather rainy and very chilly dont feel very well to day health in company very good no news of any importance afloat in the city things seem very dull nothing going on much But drinking, fighting, and carousing round

109th Reg't arrived here this morning can't learn exactly what disposition has Been made of their case some say that they have been honorably acquited, others that they had Been sent here for trial and others that they was sent here to work on the Breast works the latter I think would Be the most just disposition of their case or at least their offence would seem to merit such punishment and let it serve as a warning to others that might Be disposed to follow their disloyal steps no news of import

Memphis Friday Jan 23d "/63 finds health as good as usual in (Co) weather cool, cloudy and raining. Streets very muddy

detailed for guard duty with six men. to guard the division amunition. at the depot took men over to the depot and posted the sentinals. nothing of very great interest transpired during the day times very dull in the city.

heard that Gen. Rosencranse had had an other engagement with Bragg in which he shed lustre on his former victories, completely routing the Rebels with great loss

also that Gen Burnside had made an other advance recrossed the Rappahannock driving Lees army before him with great slaughter and disorder. this is mere rumors we can only hope that it is as reported. no city news night still raining & cool &c.

Memphis Saturday Jan 24th 1863 Health good as usual in company Weather warm and cloudy raining slightly at intervals relieved from guard at 9 Oclock A.M.

10 A.m. Co. called into line and marched out to the Reg't. to pay our respects to the paymaster said gentleman making his appearance aBout noon and was soon ready Business paying us the months pay. Received thirty four dollars ($34.00) for two months pay and eleven ($11.00) dollars and forty five cts. of comutation money as allowence due for clothing on the part of the government, making in forty ($55.55) five dollars and forty five cts, as pay due to first of Sept "/62

afternoon some excitement caused By one of the guards from the 72nd Reg't. shooting A drunken man that was crossing his Beat. killing him instantly deceased Co. A. 18th Ills. no news of interest in the City.

Memphis Monday Jan. 26th Health very good in company weather clear and cool. But streets very muddy and disagreeable getting aBout through the

City. no news of any importance afloat in the City. things quite dull nothing new in circulation, all quiet except drinking & spreeing.

Memphis Tuesday Jan 27th

finds me in rather a deBilitated state of health have Been laboring undering the influence of a severe diarhea for several weeks though rather fluctuating in its opperations

weather warm cloudy and raining. rained hard all day without cessation rendering the general aspect of the City very unpleasant To a poor soldier.

no news of any import circulating in the City.

Memphis Wednesday Jan. 28th finds my health no better But rather on the decline diarhea still getting worse all the time. weather clear But cold and windy very disagreeable in our present quarters for sick men

no news of any importance in the City or from any other quarter troops all getting very impatient for something to Be done towards facilitating the termination of the war.

Thursday Jan. 29th finds my health still worse very poorly to day sent for the doctor But did not get him sent to drug store and got some medicine which done good service in relieving disease

no news to day worthy of note all quiet in the City.

Memphis Friday Jan. 30th feell some Better to day Doctor called to see me this morning gave me some quinine with instructions to continue the medicine I have

weather somewhat warmer than for the last few days all quiet in the City

Saturday Jan. 31st Some Better to day think will soon Be up for duty again weather quite warm with rain in afternoon. quite dull times in the great city of Memphis nothing new or startling going on to Be seen or heard of.

Ira Batterton recruiting officer for 8th Reg't. and member of Co. K returned to Company this afternoon Brings no encouraging news from the north By any means

Clothing account for February

		dollars	cents
3d	to two pair socks		52
11th	to one knapsack		

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Sunday Feb. 1st 1863 Health Still improving weather tolerable pleasant no news of any great importance in circulation in the City

Night a difficulty took place at a Lewed house near Co quarters provost guard fired into our co wounding two one so badly that his left hand had to be amputated at the wrist

Monday Feb. the 2nd feel very well to day weather moderate no news of any very great import in city spent the most of the day in investigating the affairs of last night But so far have failed to make much out of it. In Behalf of the unfortunate in the affair Times very dull in City

Memphis Tuesday Feb the 3d finds my health Still improving weather very cold and disagreeable commenced snowing in the after noon Stormed very hard for this climate suspending all out door Business in the city especialy a mongst the Civilans of the place no news of any import in the city.

Wednesday Feb the 4th find health aBout as usual in company weather still cold and chilly and snowing very hard wet snow a Bout three inches deep on an average in the streets things quite dull in the City no news of any importance in circulation in the City to day no visible preparations for a trip down the River very soon Boys all anxious for a vigorous prosecution of the war and a speedy termination of the War.

Memphis Thursday Feb 5th finds my health still on the mend Health very good in the company all things well considered

Weather still cold and very disagreeable in quarters snow on the ground yet citizens look quite Blue in consequence of the extreme cold weather

Heard of a fight and another union victory at Ft donalson Forests rebel Cavalry made the attack

Friday the 6th "/63 Health good in company as usual weather fine and on the mend for the Better

drawed new tents to day cleaned out the Shed and made preparations to Live like Soldiers

No news of any import in the City

Memphis Sat. Feb 7th "/63 Health good as usual in Camp, feel quite stout again and mending fast

Weather very fine as Could Be expected for this Season of the year in this climate no news of any great importance

Sunday 8th 1863 Health very good, weather warm and fine. got a pass and went to Church was at the Catholic Church at 9.A.M and at the Episcopal at eleven Had splendid music and a very good sermon church out went nearly all over the City saw nothing worth note

afternoon S.T. Keeran died in Hospital from the effects of a wound received accedently one week ago no news of any importance in the City

Memphis Monday Feb 9th Health very good. weather fine detailed for guard duty at depot was informed of the decease of S.T. Keeran Went with orderly to Hospital to make arrangements for his interment got the wardmaster to keep the Body until we should decide what we would do with it. no news of any great interest to day

Tuesday Feb the 10th Health good as usual weather warm and raining relieved from guard at 8t A.M. went up to the City with Lieut McClun and to the Hospital then to the undertakers Bought a Metalic case and had the Body of S.T. Keeran put into it, paid fifty ($50.00) dollars for the coffin. went to the telegraph office to telegraph to his folks But the wire was out of order, no news of import

Memphis Wed Feb. 11th 1863 Health after the same old Sort Weather warm and Still raining went up to the telegraph offie to send a dispatch But the wire was still out of order and we could not send it, "Did not know when we could"

went to the Express office and got them to express the remains of keeran home charges for transportation forty ($40.00) dollars in advance, agreed to send it forth with returned to quarters

made out and signed the pay rolls for two months pay in compliance with an order received last night expect to Be paid to morrow or next day Certain

spent the remainder of the day in in writing letters and in runing aBout town Streets very mudy and Bad getting aBout on no news of import Chicago times supressed by Gen Comdg

Memphis Thur. Feb 12th finds Health aBout as usual in company some little sickness, But nothing of a very serious nature

weather still very warm and raining at intervals during the day streets very mudy in the City and disagreeable geting aBout.

no news of any importance a float in the City. daily awaiting orders for down the River &c

Friday Feb the 13th finds Health very good in company. Boys all in fine spirits and quite cheerful and ready for any event

weather quite cool to day damp chilly air circulating making it quite disagreeable

no news to day from below nothing strange going on in City

no pay yet

Saturday Feb. the 14th "/63 Health very good in company weather warm and raining was detailed for guard duty at the depot went on at 8t AM nothing transpired during the day worthy of note Here

no news from Below to day of any importance. no City news afloat of any interest

Memphis Sunday Feb the 15th in very good Health. weather more setled. But very muddy under foot, spent the day in reading a very interesting Work feel very much edified

had preaching in the forenoon under the Shed By the chaplain of the 101st had a very good sermon considering

no news yet of any very great import

Memphis Monday Feb 16th still in good Health, weather warm and raining went up to the Hospital with Lieut. J. G. McClung to recover the effects of S T Keeran. Deceasd spent nearly all day in Town went to a Restaurant and got our dinners for which I paid

In the morning a seg't & squad of men attempted to arrest a deserter from the 8th Mo. the deserter fired at one of the Men. then shot the Serg't (wound slight) and in turn was shot dead by the Seg't no news of any importance in the City times very dull nothing going on at all

the City is full of deserters from different Reg'ts dressed in citizen's clothers and committing all kinds of depradations and outrages. &c

Memphis Tuesday. Feb. 17th weather rather unsettled, cloudy and raining at intervals. streets very muddy yet in the great City

Health very good in camp no news of any importance in the City. things quite dull, guerillas made their appearance aBove the City attacked and Burned a coal Boat &c.

Wednesday Feb. the 18th Health very good. weather aBout the same, guerillas made their appearance on the bank of River opposite City: formed in line of Battle pulled off their hats and waved them at our Boys But their sport was soon suspended By well directed shells from our guns which are ever ready for such occasions and waiting

no news of any importance in the City to day

Memphis Thursday Feb 19th find Health very good weather warm and clear Co. formed and marched out to the Reg't to Receive our pay pay master came aBout noon and paid us two months pay thirty four dollars in all

returned to the City then Marched Back to the Reg't and turned over our old guns and drawed new Springfield Rifles. a splendid gun. But in rather bad order Being somewhat rusty

sent some troops over the River to range through the

woods in search of the guerillas that Burned the Boat in the River and made their appearance opposite this City. gun Boats shelled th woods up and down the River. expedition Burned the town opposite Memphis name Hope field in Arkansas &c &c

Memphis Friday Feb. the 20th finds Health good as usual in camp weather warm and pleasant things Began to look more cheerful in the City than for the few last days

detailed for guard. But the Amunition Being moved to the Boat was relieved at noon. division went aboard the transports this Morning, Co. K is just awaiting orders to pull up stakes and get up and just had the whole company on fatigue to day loading cartriges on the Boat, got a pass went up to the City to purchase a few necessary articles preparatory for VicksBurgh

night went to the new Memphis Theater admittance fifty cents play for the night King Lear very good play But very poorly performed very poor actors in general &c &c

detail came from ordinance mustre for 20 men and non com for fatigue &c

Memphis Saturday the 21st up early in the morning Health very good in Co. weather warm and raining very disagreeable getting round 20 men and non commissiond officer deatiled for fatigue to load amunition on the Boat, got orders to remain close aBout quarters Ready to go aBoard the Boat at any time, on a moments notice

at noon got orders to go to the Boat Still raining loaded up the company things marched to the River and went aBoard of the Champion. found it wet muddy and very disagreeable place the 8th, and 7th Mo was ABoard and aBout half drunk meaning a Big time in general. had nearly all the SoBer men detailed to hunt up the drunk ones in town. Boat lay at the warf all night no news of any import to day.

On Board the Champion Feb 22nd Sunday morning finds things all quiet on Boat, Health good as usual, weather cool and clear quite a cool breeze on the River this morning 8t A.M. steamed up and at 9 AM the whole fleet started down the River. indian file, the Champion Being the fourth Boat that started

nothing of note took place going down to day, saw some very nice plantations that was deserted and the houses Burned the whole country looks more like a wilderness. than a civilized country Alas for the effects of the Rebellion very cold all day passed Helena aBout two hours By Sun did not see the place was on the wrong side. of the Boat. to get a view of that noted Place saw nothing Blow there of note

On board the Champion Monday 23d finds us still making our way down the Father of waters Run all night was so cold I could not sleep. lay cross ways on a pile of cord wood learned this morning that we was to land at lake providence in LA 10 am. came in sight of Lake Providence boats swung round and hove too (as sailors say) commenced disembarking took some time to get off Reg't marched out and stacked arms took a walk through the town, went to the canal where they was at work then down to the Lake and Back to Reg't, called into line and marched out two miles a long the Lake and pitched camp. slept with out tents as we could not get ours out untill late at night, slept fine, splendid water in lake to use

Lake Providence Feb 24th finds things all right in camp. Health good as usual among the troops. weather very warm and pleasant just like our May weather up north. vegetation springing up as vigorous as in mid summer Peach trees out in full bloom &c

no news of any great interest in Camp, proceeding very well with the Canal at this point. expect soon to have it in opperation, the citizens of this vicinity have petitioned the Rebel authorities at VicksBurgh to either evacuate or surrender the place to prevent our men from letting the water in the canal at this point too their whole country from Being deluged as the whole country overflows four PM dressparade. the first that I have Been at for nearly three months

Louisiana, Lake Providence Feb 25th finds Health very good in camp. weather warm and raining. rained most all day. and very hard at intervals got pretty muddy in camp. got a very nice place for a camp in dry weather

1st Kansas had a skirmish with some Rebel cavalry. just west of here a few miles several Rebel Prisnors &c

Thursday Feb 26th finds health very good, weather warm and raining very hard rained all night as hard as it could pour down. and till noon to day in torrents after noon went down to the River after some Bread. River very high had to repair the Levee to keep it in the Banks, Rumored that the City of Vicks Burgh was Burnt By our fleet. division of our troops went down to day no other news of any import to day

Lake Providence Feb the 27th finds things all right in camp Health very good, weather very warm and fine no news of any importance in camp things all going on pleasantly in camp Boys all in fine spirits

Saturday Feb the 28th Health very good in camp weather warm, fine, and nice every thing looks pleasant and cheerfull reminds us of Better days thats past. and is to come

Ten oclock A.M. called out for muster and inspection according to previous orders, every thing went of nice and was soon over, returned to camp and spent the rest

of the day in reading no news of any great import getting a long fine with the canal opperations

Date	Clothing acc't. for March	Price	
		dollars	cts
"23d"	two pairs of Socks	00	65

Sunday March 1st 1863 finds Health very good in camp. Weather warm, fine and nice with every indication of an early spring in sunny south commenced to write a letter this morning but was called on By the Orderly to assist in making out the muster rolls a job that we commenced yesterday eve But did not get to finish then on account of Being frequently interrupted soon finished up the job and spent the rest of the day in writing until five P.M when we was called out for dressparade all went of right and in order

no news of any great importance in camp from La part of field invested with any extraordinary or peculiar interest &c

canal in slow progress at present &c &c.c

Lake Providence La March 2nd "/63 up early in the morning feel very well Health is good as usual in camp weather warm and fine

detailed for fatigue with two days rations to report in 20 minuets from notice. Call Beat had to go with-out My Breakfast

fooled along untill nearly noon reporting first one place and another for orders finaly arrived at the place some seven miles blow camp got breakfast and dinner together. then reported at the place of opperation and was put to work cutting and clearing timber out of the Bayou so that Boats can pass down to red river &c &c

worked until nearly night then quit. got supper and made preparation for the night cut down cane made bed. &c night pretty cool But slept very well all night. &c

March the 3d. Tuesday, 1863 finds us at the Bayou Tensus But not very well. rather seriously afflicted with the diarhea was up very early this morning got our Breakfasts. then went to work with the understanding that we was to be relieved at noon and go Home but when noon came the order was countermanded and we had to work untill three oclock in the afternoon But was relieved promptly at that time and marched home got there some time Before dark

went down in the swamp this morning to see some cotton that the Rebels had hid there three hundred and sixty Bales. aBout two thousand Bushel corn and any amount of farming untensils sent (25) teams after cotton this PM. in all have found aBout fifteen thousand Bales hid in cane Brakes

Lake Providence La Wed March 4th "/63 finds me in camp but not very well. up early got Breakfast and then had Co. drill. weather warm and nice every thing went of nice until ten A.M. when the Reg't was called out for Battalion drill Col. Post marched us out into the field. and told us to rest until a tree fell that some men was cutting near By. But the tree did not fall and the Col. admitted that we was Beat By marching us to quarters, dismissing us until Brigade drill at three P.M. all according to a previous order to have three drills per day now Co. drill from revalie to Breakfast one hour Battalion from ten to 12. M. Brigade drill from 3 to 5 PM

did not feel well so did not go on 3. oclock drill no news of any importance in camp to day nothing from vicks burgh of import &c

Lake Providence Thursday March 5th 1863 feel quite unwell to day did not get up untill noon, then eat some dinner and felt some Better, &c

weather warm and nice. with some slight indications of rain soon. Boys all wishing for rain so as to get rid of drill prefering mud to so much drill

Launched the little steam tug on the Lake to day and run up and down the Lake with a Brass Band on Coit quite a dish it Being the first steam vesel that ever graced the Bosom of the Virgin lake. clearly demonstrating the difference Between Southern and Northern enterprise But I fear that the rest of navigation from the lake to red river will prove an entire failure. But should it succeed it will drain the richest portions of the southern cotton fields and pay well for all trouble rumored that vicksburgh is evacuated

Lake Providence Friday March 6th 63 finds My health on the mend Slightly Weather warm with indications of rain no news of any importance in camp drills as usual at the stated time times very dull in camp

Saturday the 7th "/63 find health some Better weather warm and raining. raind very hard last night. thundered & Stormed at a fearful rate thought that the tent would surely blow away But it did not. soon cleared away this morning fine day took one company of the eleventh Ills down to the River to day under guard for stacking their Arms cause not known

no news of any import in camp to day quite dull

8 P.M dress parade By Col. Sturgess had ride on Lake to day

Lake Providence March 8th, finds Health very good &c weather warm and raining some By degrees Slightly continued So through out the day. to day is my birth day. just twenty five years old to day. But none the worse of the wear seemingly Spent the most of the day in writing letters, reading &c &c

five P.M. dress parade By Col. Post. on the Color

line But was cut short By a heavy storm from the west which just gave us time to get in our tents then it commenced to rain and hail, thunder and storm stormed at a terible rate fairly lifting our tents of the ground. actualy Blowing one down But luckily we did not get wet. no news of any import in camp Abandoned work on the canal to day. sent fatigue back

Lake Providence March Monday 9th Health good as for common weather warm and given to rain by spells things very quiet in camp. no news from any quarter of any importance. afternoon heavy cannonading heard in the direction of Vicksburg. cause not known here

Tuesday March 10th 1863 finds health aBout as usual in company and Reg"t. weather very warm and raining very heavy cannonading this morning down the River Between 2 and 3 what I supposed to Be at or near Vicksburgh Rumor says that it was caused By our fleet passing down the Canal But there is nothing authentic aBout it in camp

five P.M dress parade on the color line By Col. Post soon over went to quarters no news of any great importance in camp to day

Lake Providence La. March 11th "/63 up early in the morning found my self in aBout usual state of health and the weather warm But dry and clear. and presenting quite a cheerful aspect for Dixie

was detailed for fatigue to level down the ground on the color line. out of the way of the adjutants Big feet when on dressparade. fine thing that he has such Big feet to enable him to keep his equilibrium as his head is getting quite large of late entirely to much style for a cobler shoemaker when at home think that it will play out soon or sooner no news of any import in camp the Boys all in fine spirits think the war will end this summer or next fall. Copperheads gets no sympathy in the old 8th Reg't dressparade at five P.M.

Lake Providence Thursday March 12th finds Health good as for Common Company also in the Reg't and division. weather very warm and pleasant quite clear and the sun shone out Bright & cheerful all day no news of import

3 P.M. Brigade drill By Col. Stevenson, very short and pleasant exercise Returned to camp

Friday March 13th "/63 finds all things aBout after the same old Sort, weather very fine & warm Boys all in fine Spirits and hopeful of the success of our arms. in this unholy conflict. though uncertain when it will terminate

3 P.M. Bridage drill of two hours not very interesting

no news of any great interest. Prospect of leaving here soon can't tell where we will go to.

Lake Providence La. March 14 "/63 find health very good in camp. weather warm and fine sun shone out Bright and clear giving a cheerful aspect to things in general no news of any great inportance in circulation

5 P.M. dressparade By Col. Post reported the Company on parade took a Boat ride on the Lake

Sunday March 15th 1863 finds health very good &c weather warm and raining rained most all day. very disagreeable and muddy. 1st and 2n Brigades of 3d division went a Board of the transports to day their destination not known But supposed to Be the Yazoo pass then to the rear of Vicksburgh don't know when the 4th Brigade will go no other news of any import

Monday March the 16th 1863 Health very good &c &c weather more Settled. warm & Clear. nice Breeze, soon dried up the mud. made things more pleasant than yesterday, Boys in fine spirits to day. and very hopeful for the future &c no news from any quarter Lake rising very fast By Backwater from the Bayou tensus expect to cut the Levee and let the river in to Day then we will have nice times as it will flood the whole country to Red River, But our camp is aBove ordinary high water mark. and I think will be safe now, dont know when our Brigade will leave some say not at all now. some say that we have Been transfered from Logans to McArthers division also, that Logan has Been made a Major Gen. of late &c &c

Tuesday March 17th 1863 finds Health as good as usual, weather warm and nice, no news of any import in camp, Lake rising very fast to day, let the River in yesterday, had dressparade at five in the after noon, crossed the Lake twice to day

Wednesday March 18th weather warm and nice every thing quite pleasant &c Health very good in camp

was on the Lake nearly all the forenoon. got orders at noon to Be ready to leave in a half hour. marched nearly Back to the River and camp as the Bridge across the Byou was about to wash away. went down to the River took a view of the Canal quite a scene to see the water rush into the canal at the mouth no news in camp.

Thursday March 19th finds the weather warm and nice. Health in camp very good But my self rather indisposed at present no news afloat of importance lake still rising very fast yet dress parade at five P.M.

Friday March 20th very much indisposed to day not able to do any duty weather very warm and sultry and dry almost equal to mid summer in old Illinois

the Lake still rising faster as the Canal washes larger at the river. will have to leave here soon as our present

camp will soon Be over flowed.

Dress parade at five P.M. with orders to come out with Boots Blacked & looking as well as possible &c

Saturday March the 21st "/63 finds my health But little improved. very good in the Reg't weather very pleasant & warm got orders aBout noon to strike tents. marched down to the River & aBoard of the "Platte Valley" after taking aBoard our effects in general we steamed up the River five miles and Pitched camp where the other two Brigades of our division was camped not a very good place for a camp as the ground is most to Low for health or comfort either

rumored that Farraguts fleet had run the Blockade at Port Hudson also that a division of our troop had a fight at Haynes Bluff result not known no news of any B import in camp to day.

Sunday March 22nd 1863 finds my health aBout the same Health in Reg't. aBout as good as common weather very warm. with light showers of rain at intervals. Second Brigade went aBoard the transports for down the River we are to go as soon as we can get transports no news of interest from below.

Monday March 23d "/63 things in general aBout as usual in camp no thing strange going on at all — weather a little more coolish. and raining very hard at intervals and some little all the time. very muddy in camp as the Location is very poor Reg't. drawed ten days rations as the comissary Boat had to leave

Rumors in camp of a fight at Vicksburgh. heard heavy canonading in that direction to day. &c

Tuesday March 24th 1863 Health a little on the incline feel quite well to day, sure weather very stormy this morning wind Blowed a perfect Hurucane upsetting some of the tents, &c rained very hard. making the streets almost impassable in the camp and Boldly threatning to deluge the whole earth and drowned us out if possible but changed the programme aBout noon turned cold and cleared off. &c

no news of any importance in camp. Rumored yesterday that there had been some hard fighting at Vicksburgh, but our men had been repulsed twice, & that the third time they took and held their outer works, But there is nothing official at all, aBout it here.

Wednesday March 25th "/63 Health still improving very fast. good in Reg't and Army weather fine. warm and nice.

one Brigade of "Carrs" (formerly Davidsons division) went down the River this Am. and stoped a few hours at the landing the thirty third was a mongst the No!, they embarked sixty miles Below St. "Louis" and was on their way to assist in the opperations Below they were in fine Spirits. Saw several old acquaintences.

five P.M dress parade reported the "Co" on parade.

no news of interest from Below in camp

Nine P.M received orders to Be ready to march at six A.M. with three days Cooked Rations in havre sacks, with Blankets

Thursday March 26th "/63 feel quite well this A.M. was up at four Oclock called up the Company and called the Roll. the Orderly and Second Seg"t. Both Being of Duty. got Breakfast. just finished eating when the drum Beat to fall in Reg't. formed and marched to river went aBoard the Superior, and Steamd up the River 10 miles and heaved to at Skippers Landing disembarked and marched out in the country six miles to Lake Washington en rout for M A Byou where it was reported there was Camp of Rebels. got water Bound. had to return to Boats. came Back on Platte Valley got into camp at dark with nothing But tired limbs 32nd Ohio & some cavalry accompanied the expedition found no news in camp on return. weather very warm.

Friday March 27th 1863 Health moderate in camp weather fine warm and nice no news of any import in circulation in camp

five oclock P.M dress parade on the Color line By Col. "Post" all quiet down Below &c.

Saturday march 28th "/63 Health very good weather warm and nice every thing Begins to wear the hue of summer. Boys in fine spirits &c no news in camp from Below played Ball nearly all day. five P.M. dress parade By Col. Post. an order read from gen. Logan cessing a fine of two thousand dollars on the 2nd Brigade for the Burning of Cotton gin & Mill &c &c Mill was Burned yesterday Because Logan had issued an order against the Boys getting Board there

Sunday March 29th 1863 finds Health very good. good as usual in camp weather very cold and Blustry wind Blowing very hard from the North to day

had a very hard storm last night wind blew a hurricane up seting tents generaly, rain fell in torrents. very disagreeable to day. feel quite sore to day after exercise yesterday playing Ball

no news of importance

Monday March 30th Health very good to day. litle sore yet. weather still cold and Blustry yet very uncomfortable fleet of ten Boats went down the River to day was from M.o. don't know whose division it was they all Steamed Strait ahead no news from Below to Day got orders to Be ready for inspection at two to Morrow &c

Tuesday march 31st "/63 finds Health very good weather warm and fine & cheering Spent the forenon in getting ready for the grand inspection

at noon the company was called out for Co. inspet. passed examination and was dismissed untill two PM

then the Reg't was called out formed and passed inspection, By Col. J. P. Post Major "Leib" and Adjut. "Monroe" which lasted some two or three hours to the great dis comfort of the high Privates

no news of any import from below. or of a reliable nature from any quarter

think we will Stay here some time yet. if the Back Water from Lake Providence does not Drive us out. &c

Clothing account for April. 1863

date		dollars	cents
23d	one pair of Pants	3	65
23d	one regulation hat	1	68

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April the 1st 1863 finds Health very good. also very good in camp Better than might Be expected &c

weather warm, clear, and fine, this month is ushered in upon us with the fulness of all the habiliments of mid summer &c

reported in camp that Gen. Oglesby was going to pay us a visit to day. was detailed on fatigue to clean up Co. quarters to give him a decent reception which was soon done

then took some pleasant exercise in an interesting game of Ball to while away the monotonous hours of Camp

five P.M. dress parade By Major Leib.

after which we received a large mail got three letters

no news to day at all.

April the 2nd 1863 finds health very good in camp weather warm and nice as could be desired every thing going on Cheerful in camp Boys all in fine spirits & hopeful of a speedy and honorable peace

five P.M. dressparade By Major Leib Reported the Co. to the adjutant - no news of any import to day

7 P.M. got orders to Be ready to fall out at the Beat of the Drum without Arms to Receive our old Col. now Major Gen. R. J. Oglesby.

the long roll sounded. Reg't was formed and Closed Column in mass on first Company, was addressed at length By the Gen. in the Presence of several Ill's officials Pledged them selves to remain in the field till the expiration of time. despite copperhead

Friday April the 3d 1863 finds health good as usual weather fine and pleasant

Signed the pay rolls for four months pay. or up to the first of March "/63

after was signed was sent Back with an order to settle Clothing account up to 1st Jan. had me charged with $6.00 to much refused to settle it or to correct the mistakes think I shall take the matter to Col.

five P.M. dress parade By Major Leib. reported the company to the adjutant the first & 2nd Seg'ts bothe Being sick of Duty

no news to day in camp only that the paymaster is here ready to pay us his Compiments in green Backs which is always acceptable

Saturday April 4th 1863 health very good. excelent in camp weather warm and fine

no news of interest to day in camp things all quiet except having a large fatigue squad at work cleaning up camp smoothing ground &c to receive the inspector Gen. U.S.A.

five PM. Brigade dress parade on the levee reported the company to the adjudant

Sunday April 5th 1863 finds health very good in camp weather warm and fine. very pleasant indeed rendering us very comfortable in general &c

Company Inspection at 9 A.m. made preparations to receive the inspector Gen. put on Camp guard something new for the 8th

five P.M. dressparade By Major Leib

no news of any import

Monday April the 6th 1863 finds health very good weather warm and fine every thing pleasant

General inspection to day of camp & quarters By Major — of gen McPhersons staff every thing pronounced in good order inspection at four P.M. and

dressparade at five P.M reported the Company to adjudant

no news of any interest to day

Tuesday April the 7th 1863 health good as usual in camp weather warm and pleasant. real nice

company drill at 9 A.M. of one hour Some excitement in camp. caused by the barbarity of Cap"t Sheets Co. F tying three of his men down on their Backs, extending their hands and feet at full length with Stakes & leaving them all day in hot sun offence stealing from Sutlers &c

dressparade By Col. Post. 5 P.M. no news from belowto day

Wednesday April the 8th 1863 health very good in camp weather warm & nice with Slight indications of rain soon. company drill at 9. A.M

afternoon received orders to be ready to fall out at 2.30 PM with belts & bayonets to receive L. Thomas

ajud"t. Gen. U.S. half past two P.M. reg"t formed and marched to Stevenson head quarters where the whole division was formed in a square the gen. made his appearance. Battery fired a salute in which one poor fellow lost his arm by premature discharge gen. was presented by Maj. Gen. McPherson in few pert remarks. Gen. then told the object of his mission. to organize negro reg't's to work Plantations &c. and to Commission men to command them and called on such as had their heart in the work to take hold. to hand their names in to gen. Logan whom he authorized to make selections &c speechs by Logan, Stevenson. Legate, McArthur went to Camp got recomend from Capt. & Col. Post. and sent in my name to Gen, no news to day

Thursday April 9th 1863 finds health very good in camp weather warm and fine quite pleasant some excitement in camp in consequence of the anticipated commission in the negro Brigade some of the officers went to lake Providence to see aBout it, no news to day

dressparade at five P.M.

Friday April the 10th 1863 Health good. weather fine as usual. Mustered at ten A.M. in pursuance of an order from the War department to ascertain the number of men necessary to fill the Reg't. to the maximum number & Preparatory to an immediate draft for that purpose in the States

it is a Bully good thing

rumored in camp that Major Leib is commisioned Col. of first La. Reg't no other news of importance in Camp all quiet as the times in general.

Saturday April the 11th 1863 Health very good in camp weather warm and nice. everything bears quite a pleasant aspect in general the Rumor of Major Leib's promotion to Col. of first La. Confirmed.

Rumored that Charlston S.c has Been taken by U S forces no particulars given at all as to results

Dress parade at five P.M. rained some just after dressparade

Sunday April the 12th 1863 finds health as usual in camp weather very nice considering that it rained nearly all last night and strong indications of more soon if not sooner

no news to day of any import considerable talk about the Capture of Charlston. but nothing very reliable though the report is received with some credence

no news from any other quarter Dress parade at five P.M. as usual

took off camp guard to day.

Bery's Landing Monday April the 13th finds health very good. as good in camp as usual. weather a little cool and raining rained nearly all last night. and untill noon to day then cleared up or partialy so at least

Gen. Quimby's division went down the River to day. in a fleet of thirteen transports came down the Yazoo pass, at least was part of that expedition.

no news of any kind to day in camp

Tuesday April the 14th 1863 finds health very good in camp weather cool and cloudy. and quite muddy in the streets of our great tented City in the land of dixie

several Boats load of troops went down the river to day. the supposition is that vicks burgh will sooon be attack

some talk yet about the capture of Charleston but nothing reliable

no news of interest in camp

Berys Landing Wendsday April the 13th 1863 finds health as good as usual in camp. weather clear. warm. and nice. ground drying off very fast every thing bears a favorable aspect

several boats load of troops went down the river to day. expect warm things soon in the vicinity of Vicksburgh let it. come

Rumored capture of Charlston reaffirmed to day

Dressparade at five PM by Col. "Sturgess" ten oclock at night received orders to be ready to leave at a moments warning with two days cooked rations in havre sacks and two days rations in the mess chests. cooks got up and baked bread all night. preparatory to leaving our destination is supposed to be the great thermopalis of the west, the great rebel stronghold, "Vicksburgh". it is quite evident that that place must soon succumb to the superior arms, strength and Bravery of the invading "Yankees" those "northern mudsills" cowardly vandals &c as they please to term us

no other news of importance to day

no prospects of getting pay very soon. now. don't know whats the matter

Thursday April the 16th 1863 finds health very good in camp wather warm clear and nice was up early in the morning preparing for a march according to orders received last night at ten oclock

about noon got orders to strike tents. reg't formed and marched to the river. went aboard the Sioux put on our effects. &c and at 3 P.M. steamed down the river. Saw nor heard nothing of interest on our way down the river. arrived at Milikens bend at 8 P.M. all safe in good order

Slept on the boat all night. a fleet of transports run the blockade at vicksburgh at twelve at night which called forth a tremendous barking of the bulldogs that keep vigilence over the father of waters

firing lasted about two hours or so no news of any note in circulation

Milikens bend April the 17th 1863 finds health very good, weather fine warm and nice disembarked this morning. moved up above Gen. McClernands head quarters, and pitched camp near the River. very nice place to camp as good as the one we left at Berrys landing. got some boards and fixed up things quite comfortable in the tent. &c

learned that the 33d Ills had gone below vicksburgh where the main army is concentrating at present learned that ten transports with some gunboats Run the Blockade last night with a loss of one man killed & two wounded. one transport Burnt. the object was to get the Boats below to Cross the troops over on the vicksburgh side active opperation expected to commence soon in that vicinity. the sooner the quicker. can hear cannons firing nearly all the time in that direction no news to day troops coming down all the time

Miliken's Bend Saturday April 18th 1863 finds health very good in camp

weather mosderately fair some what cloudy with indications of rain no news in camp of any importance. paymaster came down last night to pay the 4th brigade paid the 81st to day after noon rained some dressparade at 5 By Col. Post. rumored that we had taken two thousand prisnors below Vicksburgh

paid the 7th M.o. to day

Sunday April the 19th 1863 Health very good in company and the reg't and the troops in general in dep't.

weather warm and nice after hard storm last night of wind and rain 1st Brigade of our Logans division came down to day expect will leave here soon for Carthage

no news of any importance in circulation one transport here prepareing to run the blockade at vicksburgh rumored that there is five more below. preparing also

dressparade at five PM. Col. Sturgess

Millikens bend April the 20th 1863 health very good weather fine went down to the Henry Vonphul to Commodore Grahams head quarters and volunteered my services to run the Blockade at Vicksburgh with a fleet of transports. was ordered to report at ten A.M to morrow one Lieu't five serg'ts and nearly all the company volunteered to go

returned to camp at three P.M. found the paymaster there busily engaged in dispensing the greenbacks to the Reg't to the infinite satisfaction of the Boys. company was called out at five PM paid their respects to the Pay master in return received his compliments in the shape of greenbacks

received four months pay amounting to ($68.00) sixty eight dolars. also collected ($8.50) due S.J. Keeran no news of any import in camp none from below to day

Millikens bend Teusday April 21st finds health very good in camp weather warm. cloudy. with prospect of rain soon reported to commadore Graham on the "Vonphul" according to orders received yesterday. was told to return to quarters and that there would Be a detail sent for those that had been selected to go through

afternoon raining. some the Commodore and Gen. Logan came to head quarters reg't and called for volunteers to run the fleet through half the reg't offered their services to go was marched to Gen. Logans head quarters. there every Reg't in the division was represented from which the Commadore selected a sufficient No. of Pilots ingineers and firemen to take the Boats through also two commissioned to each Boat Leiut T. J. McClung was selected from the 8th. the rest was sent to their quarters. Badly Beat. &c

Wednesday April 22nd 1863 health good. weather fine Am went down to the river with W.R. Saunders and aBoard the Moderator to see Liut. McClung. was aBoard all the fore noon riding up and down the river. She has a very good crew aBoard and men that understand their little Buis. the Boat is poorly protected But very fleet. I think she will go through all right returned to camp found the men getting ready for a review had just time to get on my things when was called into line marched down the river a mile 7th Brigade. was reviewed By Gov Yates and Gen. Logan Gov. Yates was accidentaly thrown from his horse But was not hurt

after review the Gov made us a short speech. was received with cheers and loud applause, returned to quarters some anxiety aBout the fleet that is expected to run the Blockade to night

no news from below to day

Millikens bend Thursday April 23d 1863 finds us all in vey good health weather warm and nice was waked up last night aBout twelve oclock by the heavy fireing of cannons in the direction of vicks Burgh the fireing was terrific and lasted till day light. some heavy fireing after daybreak, are all in great suspense to learn the results

afternoon Beckman from Co. E. has just returned badly wounded By a peice of shell he reports the Tigress sunk between the upper and lower Batteries the other Boats were all safe except some slight damage, But the still had the lower batteries to pass yet when he left.

reported that "Forrest" Co. A. 8th pilot on the Moderator was killed was shot in too in passing the Lower Battery. and that "Siden" 34t Lieut. Co G was Badly scalded &c took a nice Bathe to day

drawed dress pants and a regulation "hat" five P.M. dress parade by Col. "Post"

Millikens bend April 24th "/63 finds health very good in camp weather fine, But very warm, and sultry nothing very definite from the fleet that run the Blockade other than confirmation of the sinking of the Tigress. most of the crew was saved, no news from below

after noon received orders to be ready to march at 8t in the morning with three days cooked rations and one tent to the company the rest to Be left Back behind destination supposed to be below Vicksburgh. perhaps fort hudson

send fifty dollars to J. M Holloway in two letters twenty five dollars each

Saturday April 25th 1863 was up early in the morning got breakfast, ready to march, health very good. weather warm. struck tents and turned them over to the quarter master for safe keeping. started about noon marched to Richmond twelve miles very hot and sultry prety hard on the Boys for the first day. took a Bathe and went to Bed. our road to day was through large deserted plantations nothing very Strange to day transpired

Sunday April 26th "/63 up at daybreak. feel quite sore marched aBout ten miles. camped on Bayou carved up planks and Built a shed to sleep under. very tired to night. dont feel very well either commenced raining a little before dark. rained pretty hard. no news to day of any import nothing from below. dont know where our destination is yet some think Port hudson

Monday April the 27th 1863 dont feel very well this morning rained very hard lst night. roads very muddy Started aBout 7. oclock am went on head of the reg't for comfortable travling rained hard all day very disagreeable travling Stoped to wait for the Reg't But the did not come up by a mile made fire got some supper But could not sleep for the mosquitoes marched nine miles

Tuesday April the 28th "/63 up at daybreak. feel very Bad did not get any rest for the little pesky varmints called mosquitoes Reg't came up this morning fell in and marched along with them Stood it very poor after crossing three Bayous and marching 8t miles we camped near the father of rivers. Being nearly fatigued out I lay down to sleep But did not rest very well was to tired and unwell to do so

April the 29th A 1863 was called up at one oclock a.m with orders to march in thirty minuets feel very unwell, not able to march if I could help it started down the river. got my knapsack hauled to day. took my time to at first ahead and then with the Reg't after marching 18 miles we camped for the night on a lake. was to sick to eat any thing. rested very poor

Thursday April the 30th called up at day Break with orders to march down the river and leave our teams at the river felt so Bad that I staid Back with the teams lay there all day. very unwell. got some soup made the first that I had eat for two days

teams got orders to Be ready to march to the landing at five P.M. went to the Hospital and slept in a house rested tolerable

the most of the country that we passed through is very rich with large plantations well furnished with stock of all kinds, and large fields of growing corn which is from six inches to three feet high. clean and looks fine in a splendid growing condition Besides this their Barns are filled to the roffs with last years crop. the ears are large. Sound. and well filled though the country is deserted now By the inhabitants who fled at the approach of the federal army. taking their best negroes with them. thus leaving things to take care of them selves if all the country south was like this. the idea of starving the confederacy to death would Be worse than absurd. But this is not the case By far. But this country is now in our hands and we will help them to gather and take care of the crop or whats left.

Clothing Acount of May 1863

date		dollars	cts
24th	one pair of Government Shoes	2	

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May the 1st friday, 1863 feel some Better this morning weather fine and nice. got early and went down the river two miles to the landing where the troops embark. got on the moderator went down the river 8t miles to the landing of disembarkation learned that our troops had advanced some fourteen miles and had end gaged the rebels. driving them inch By inch with great loss

made four trips down the river and Back during the day had fine times though trespassing upon the hospitality of the gallant officers of the Boat as they refused remuneration. all the Boats was Busy all day crossing team's ambulances and troop. afternoon late learned that our troop had taken four hundred prisnors and two Batteries. also that Logans division was in the hardest of the fight especialy the 1st Brigade

Saturday May the 2nd A 1863 finds me on Board the Moderator Health Still improving very slow lay last night at the lower landing got up this morning and found some four hundred prisnors waiting to Be taken to a place of safety made several trips up and down the river, nothing interesting from the Battle field, only tha our men are driving the rebels yet

Sunday May 3d 1863 still on the moderator. health aBout the same. lay Below all night got orders to lay over and await further orders. Col. Oliver (7th Mo) returned wounded in the foot reports skirmishing still going on the rebels evacuated Grand Gulf fort last night took all with them But the heavy cannon. we hold the place.

got order to ship stores there, went to the teams 10 PM received orders to move up the river two miles and camp to await further orders. weather very hot

Monday May 4th 1863 finds my health still improving weather very warm and sultry. moved the teams to the river (By order) to put them on the transports to take them across lay there all day could not get across at all at night fixed. down Beds and went to sleep rested tolerable.

Tuesday May the 5th "/63 health improving slowly. weather very nice had a nice shower last night. cooled the air Some

loaded our wagons on an old Barge this morning took nearly all day to load the Barge with wagons then they refused to toe it over because it had some water in it lay all night on this side of the river did not rest very well as we had to pump water part of the time, the rest they made to much nois &c

Wednesday May the 6th "/63 health still improving weather fine and nice. Forest Queen toed our Barge over this morning and landed at Grand Gulf. found a detail there from the 8th sent in to guard some prisnors. the helped us to get our teams of. then we started for the Reg't where after many up and downs (the country is very hilly) winding round hills &c We reached at aBout three P.M. a distance of some fourteen miles the country is very rough. and Broken and produces But little

did not get time to examine the Rebel works at Grand Gulf. But the natural defences are very good and it might of Been made a very strong hold quite formidible

afternoon wind high weather very cold and chilly for this season and time & place orders to move at 10 am with three days cooked rations

Thursday May the 7th 1863 up early in the morning health still improving as fast as could be expected weather very pleasant. nights very cool rested fine last night had splendid Bed

10. A.M. general call was Beat. fell in the reg't was formed and marched of very Slowly making frequent halts for some unknown reason. to me marched some four or five miles and then halted. as Gen. McClernands corps had got in ahead of us teams come up drawed one days rations to last three days. the teams was ordered Back to the river for rations &c

some of the Boys went out and killed a Beef as we was suRely to Be short of rations

the country is very poor and hilly & is not capable of producing much to the acre though there is plenty of stock on the plantations. the women generaly at.home

rumored in camp that Gen. Banks had taken Port Hudson and was on his way to vicksburgh with his fleet and army news is cheery from all quarters

Rocky Springs Miss. Friday May the 8th "/63 up at the dawn of day, feel very well rested fine last night, nights very cold with heavy dews. very warm during the day. the Contrast Being rather detrimental to the sanitary condition of the country in general. though its effects upon our army is not visible yet and I hope will not Be at all

Rumored that our train sent to the the river had Been captured But it needs confirmation I dout its truth

was out prospecting round to day. had a good feast of ripe Mulberries made no important discovries of importance

received printed orders to day from Gen. McPherson forbidding pilfering robing or the destroying of citizens property. under heavy penalties in case of detection

dressparade at 5 P.M. order read from Maj. Gen. Grant and Logan applauding the troop for their recent hard marches and silent endurance of hardships and decisive victory over the rebels in Battle May the 1st "/63

Rocky Springs Sat. May the 9th "/63 health very good weather warm and nice, evry thing fine. But the grub rather short. Boys in fine spirits and full of

hope. well pleasd with Grants recent movements think it the Best thing of the war. all say Bully for "Grant"

received orders to march at 10. A.M. with three days rations. got all ready But had to wait for Gen. Quimbys's division to pass, at one thirty P.M. took up line of march on the "Utica" road, moved very slow for a while stoping every now and then.

after travling some 8t or nine miles through a poor, hilly, part of the country thickly settled with one little town (Rocky spring) we filed of to the right of the road just at dark, and camped for the night in the Brush, great portion of the timber in this part of the country is pine, and Magnolia a Beautiful tree with large white Blossomes, no news of any import in circulation in camp

Sunday May the 10th 1863 up at day break feel very well took up our line of march at seven AM moved very slowly pased through the town of U.T.K. just before sundown quite a nice little village. the rear guard of the rebels left there just Before we arrived moved on out three miles and camped for the night got orders to be up 1/2 past three A.M.

Monday May the 11th 63 up at day Break feel fine. reg't moved out at sunup in the advance of the division three miles the 8th was posted on different Roads on picket duty one Co was kept in reserve. had a good time killing hogs cattle & chickens lived fat had a good rest and plenty of ripe Mulberries no news to day of note received orders to Be ready to march at half past three in the morning with three days rations cooked

Tuesday May the 12th 1863 called up at three A.M. But did not feel very well, as I had Been up al night with E. Graff who was taken sick very sudenly. went to Bed and slept till daylight in stead of getting Breakfast at day light was called into line marched out through to the road reg't detailed to guard the amunition train. was placed by companies at the distance of ten wagons first took the Raymond road and moved of very Briskly. Logans division in advance at aBout ten am advance came up with the enemy and engaged them with artilery fireings kept up very regular untill 12.M. when the train was Brought up close and circlled reg't got orders to march (as soon as it could Be got together) to the scene of action on double quick as we was needed Bad

moved of very Briskly met the "clark" adg't to McPherson who was much excited told us to hurry up as quick as possible.

moved up close to the rear. Gen. Logan came up took us to the right told us to hurry up for God sake was some excited, as our men had Been driven Back some was halted the Gen told us to unsling knapsacks and to wade in and show them what the old 8th was made of. moved farther to the right & through the Brush for a few minuets, then moved Back to the laft By the left flank halted on an open field in the rear of the 1st Brigade fronted and moved up to the front on the double quick and with a yell that made the welkin ring charged over the 20th Ills into the wooods where the brush was so thick that it was almost impossible to get through. But the gallant 8th halted not. charged right into the rebel ranks. putting them to rout with great slaughter. and taking a vast number of prisnors. drove them some two hundred yards. then halted as we was more than that distance in the advance our Boys was in fine spirits and went in on their nerve with alacrity. our charge turnd the fortune of the day in our favor. was But little fighting done after the charge some on the right. But the rebels fell Back very fast. came in with a flag of truce asked permission to Bury their dead and carry off their wounded. But Gen Smith to whom the flag was presented in formed him that he had Better get Back to his own lines as we was capable of performing those duties

troops was then reformed and march into the city of Raymond without any further resistance the rebels having skedaddled for good to day, went into camp on north side of town after marching through the City with flying colors, most of the men was no where to be seen. some few women came out and looked at us through knit eyeBrows some few seemed glad that we had come to see them was very much fatigued through excitement, hard work. &c and not Being very well

casualties in the company killed George W Cloud shot through the head. Wounded Seg't W. K. Saunders, shot in right thigh (severly) A. R. Matheny in left shoulder W. A. Stunkle in left shoulder (slight) Corp'l. Charles Stilhamer in right fore arm (slight) loss in the reg't (21) twenty one wounded, and seven (7) killed.

loss in the division is reported, five (500) killed. wounded & missing Logans division was the only troops engaged in the fight. the Rebel loss was greater than ours

the rebels had ten (10.000) thousand engaged in the fight, lost over one (1000) thousand killed wounded and prisnors.
we had six (6000) thousand engaged. lost 5.00 killed wounded and missing. so much for Southern chivalry.

Wednesday May the thirteenth "/63 was up before day feel very well only a little weary and foot sore. took up line of march for Clinton at 11. A.M. marched of very Briskly reached there just at dark. commenced raining before dark, camped in the suburb of the town, Built a shelter. worked till. 9 P.M. then the company was detialed for picket duty Posted on the left flank of camp. I lay down and slept all night. saw nor heard nothing distance from Raymond to Clinton 8t miles

Thursday May the 14th 1863 feel very well rested fine last night. cloudy air heavy and looks like

rain. milked some of the neighbor cows had some Boiled milch and "hard tack" for Breakfast

was relieved at 7 A.m took up up line of march for Jackson the capitol of Miss roads very mudy moved of slow at the start. commenced raining at 8t, halted in town a while rained as hard as it could pour down the Boys took it fine sung union songs to the ladies who came to the doors and windows to see us. they all seemd to think that we would get fits at Jackson Clinton town is a very small town on the V & J R.R. moved on very Briskly soon heard the Boom of the cannon in front Gen. Quimby's division in the advance engageing the enemy two miles this side of the city Logans division was moved up in supporting distance But Quimbys made a charge and drove the rebels Back to town Sherman drove them on the right. Logans was moved round on the left to cut of their retreat after marching through fields over hills, wading creeks &c. the news came the we had possession of the city. and all that was in it the rebels having effected their retreat at the north east side of town we was then marched Back to the rail road and camped for the night in a mile of the City muched fatigued and wet as hens as it had rained on us all day

Thus fell the capitol of Miss. (which the rebels had often defied us to take) and almost without a strugle one division driving them so fast that the rear could not get up. took some prisnors and several pieces of artilery some seige guns. & all their stores &c

from a man that came to us we learnd the fact that this morning they turned all the convicts out of Penitentiary and armd then to defend the City with promise of liberty. the one that came to us had Been confined during the war because he would not fight for the rebels, he is frantick with joy at having made his escape

from a Jackson paper of the 14th we learn that Joe Johnston was here with (30,000) men and with this force fled like a coward as he is the loss on our side was some 30 killed and aBout one hundred wounded rebel loss aBout the same

could not learn the amount of Stores Captured or the number of prisnors But it was a grand victory. our movements have Been made so rapid and with such determination that the rebels have Been perfectly confounded the could not anticipate where we was going to strike nor when & consequently could not reinforce any place I think Gen Grant will wake them up in a good many places

drawed three days rations with orders to cook it and Be ready to march at 5 A.M. Built a Bigfire dried my self went to Bed. and was soon lost to all conciousness in the sweet embrace of morpheus consequently thus ends the history of the day.

Friday May the 15th 1863 up By the dawn of day, rested well last night. feet very sore this A.M. weather clear and nice. got Breakfast and at five. thirty min'ts took up our line of march. on the Back track the 8th in the advance of division. moved of quite lively. stopping to rest aBout every three miles. news came that gen. Grant had received an official dispatch to the effect that Gen. Hooker had taken Richmond the news was communicated to the Boys But did not create much excitement for it has got to Be an song "that Richmond's taken"

reached Clinton and made a halt aBout eleven A.m. then moved out aBout 7 miles on the bolton road and camped picked up three chickens on the way. cooked them had a fine supper then went to Bed if laying down on the ground could be called that M. Pearce returned to day

Saturday May the 16th A 1863 up at the rising of the sun. feel very well, got Breakfast. had chicken, coffee, and bred. spent the forenoon till eleven oclock in cleaning up our guns and equipment and oiling them as order at eleven we got orders to fall in, and moved off on the road to Black river bridge at the same time the Ball opened in front Gen Hoveys division being engaged first, we advanced aBout three miles which Brought us to the scene of Battle which was now waxing warm. with artilery and musketry. Logans division ws moved to the extreme right the 3d Brigade occupying the right of the division. the 1st and 2nd Brigades was soon engaged in skirmishing with the enemy as they had Been deployed and advanced to support our Batteries. aBout two oclock the rebels attempted to charge McAlisters Battery But was repulsed with heavy loss they came with in forty yards of the battery and was mowed down like grain with grape canister. and musketry was drove Back some three hundred yards where they was reinforced reformed to make an other charge Gen. McPherson soon anticipated their intention and ordered our Brigade forward on the double quick to ocupy a skirt of timber which was quite an impurtant point as it prevented the rebels from gaining a flanking position from which it would Been dificult to dislodge, second it gave us a position from which we could flank the rebels if they again made an attempt to charge our Battery. our Boys moved forward with alacrity and we reached the woods and got our position without Being discovered By the enemy, and just in time to for we had just taken our position when the advanced a heavy column of greybacks toward the Battery Gen. McPherson was with us and ordered us to hold our fire until the rebels was right close to us and then to give them a raking volley, But unfortunately the first Brigade advanced toward them. then commenced the hardest fighting of the day, our men slowly advancing and the Butternuts disputing their right and might to do so But the coolest thing of the day was to see the 124th Ills they had to advance in an open field and in the face of superior numbers But on they went fireing and loading as they went not a man flinched. the rebels to was still advancing slowly, at this juncture at the scene it was

almost impossible to restrain the 8th some did fire with out orders for the enemy was in easy range and full view and it was to much for the 8th the cry ran all along the line let us fire. let us advance. the order came at last to charge the Boys was on their feet in an instant and made a gallant charge. as soon as the rebel saw that we had them flanked the fell Back to a steep bluff where the had a Battery planted to cover their advance the 8th made for the Battery on the double quick to the run at About half way we encountered an obstickle in the shape of a deep ravine filled with cane and Briars which at any other time or under any other circumstance would of proved an effective Barrier But not so now. the Boys made their way through as Best they could each striving to Be foremost and as soon as the reached the other side they made for the Battery firing at the retreating rebels as they went by the time we gained the foot of the hill the most of the Boys as up in line we asscended the hill and made for the Battery at which the men stood like heroes worthy of a better cause they fired one piece after our Boys had their hands on the guns the Capt. stood his ground to the last, and was shot from his horse at a guns length By one of our Boys the most of the men was killed and wounded, some made their escape. these was gone in an instant our Boys not even making a short halt. But charging on after the retreating butter nuts. who was flying in every direction and in wild disorder and great confusion, our Boys was still pushing ahead after the afrighted Butter nuts when Gen. Mc— ordered us to halt and fall Back. Remarking that if we them any farther Gen. Hovey could not hold them on the other side, as I think awhile it was well spoken for Hovey had failed to gain any ground up to this time we fell Back and was reformed after driving them nearly a full mile. capturing a Battery and hundreds of prisnors. killing and wounding vast numbers with But a slight loss on our side this turned the fortune more speedily. the fighting lasted But a short time on the left. when the rebels was discovered to Be in full retreat. and in great disorder the 8th was taken across the fields on double quick to cut of their retreat the rest of the Brigade was sent farther to the right But they was to quick for us though we captured one peice of cannon and quite a number of prisnors at this time Gen McClernand passed with his corps and continued the persuit we as releeved By Gen Lawlers Brigade and withdrawn from the field for the night and went Back into camp

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Battle field champion hill, Sun. May 17th feel very well considering that I had no rest last night, got Breakfast and prepared for the events of the day received orders for each man to carry sixty rounds of amunition and Be ready to march at any time. at 9 a.m. we advanced 3 miles and halted Gen McClernand engaged the rebels at the bridge early this morning though the most of them succeddd in getting across. gen Lawler took (25.000) prisnors and 17 pieces of artilery. was picking up straglers all day the rebels got the greatest threshing yesterday they have got during the war. fighting ceased aBout noon lay all day in the sun then went into camp

rumored that Gen Curtis was in vicksburgh. had his head quarters there 17th Ills came up to join our Brigade from grand gulf. the capture of Richmond confirmed

Monday May the 18th 1863 up very early this morning. feel very well except sore feet. got Breakfast. received orders to be ready to march at a moments warning Boys in fine spirits 10. A.M. order came to march moved down the river some four hundred yards and crossed on a pontoon bridge across black river. without resistance the Butternuts having all fled for safety

Gen. Sherman was some ditance in the advance having crossed last night on the way heard various rumors aBout the evacuation of vicksburgh. its occupation By the federal forces &c. other vague rumors

marched till ten PM and then went into camp without our Bagage the teams failing to get in very tired having marched some 18 miles just got a fire Built and laid down to rest. was detailed for picket guard Posted on the north and near camp nothing took place during the night of note.

Tuesday May the 19th 1863 do not feel very well this A.M. got no rest last night at all reg't moved out early this morning marched some thre miles as deployed and took our positions in line of Battle sent out skirmishers and drove in the rebel skirmishers gradualy advanced on their works hiking hill By hill. by marching round in the hollows got some artillery into position and commenced shelling their works the whole line closed in gradualy

positions in line Gen. Sherman on the right. Gen. McClernand on the left. Gen McPherson in the centre, Sherman took haines bluff and extended his right to the Miss. river nothing But skirmishing and cannonading done to day got a dead thing on Mr. reb. this time lay down in line of Battle to rest for the night

an artillery man got his arm blown off the premature discharge of a cannon.

Before Vicksburgh Wed. May the 20th 1863 up at day light rested very well last night feel fine this morning the scenes of yesterday was renewed very early this morning. the skirmishers were advanced nearly under the fort to day the while line was advanced some two hundred Yards. took a strong position in easy range for the artillery on their forts. the rebels have a strong position with formidable forts) But their forces not supposed to Be over thirty thousand and as we have them entirely surrounded it is simply a matter of time

with us our artillery kept up a regular fire on their forts all day and our skirmishers proved a great source of annoyance to the gunners frequently driving them from their guns. thus it was all day with an occasional shot from the gun boat. and thus the 2nd day closed with But little Being done, except gaining some advantage of ground

Before Vicksburgh Thurs. May the 21st "/ 63 feel very well to day all things well considered, Boys all in fine spirits, But Rather scarce of rations. as we have not got any supply from the river yet all though we have communication with the river below vicksburgh, nothing of great or unusual interest interest transpiring here, nothing But heavy cannonading and skirmishing in the distance and shelling By the gun Boats at night

making preparations to storm the entire line of fortifications to morrow a great many of the Boys declare that they will never make the attempt But as a general thing the Boys are determined to make the attempt if So ordered, and risk the consequence

weather warm in the forenoon and in the afternoon clouded up and rained some. cooled of the air and made things more comfortable. in general, news scare here though we get the papers

Before vicksburgh Fri. May the 22nd 1863 up early this am. feel fine as regards any physical condition. But not So well as regards the prospect of the days work that is before us, had men detailed last night making ladders to scale the Breast works &c, received orders to Be ready at 8t A.m for active opperations, time came moved of winding round the hills and through the hollows untill we came near our place of opperations halted for a while to rest &c and at 10 A.m the time set for the general assault. we moved forward the 7th M.o in front to Be supported by the 81st the 8th next the 7th supported by the 32nd Ohio, we had to move By the flank up a revene. in front of the fort the 7th just commenced to deploy to the right the 8th still moving on up the hollow when the rebels poured a destructive fire into us from the fort, of shell, grape, canister and muskerty. fairly mowing us down like grass. I never witnessed (experienced) such a galling fire in my life, the 7th flew the track Broke into our ranks causing some confusion, But we soon got partialy sheltered under the Brow of the hill where the Reg't was restored to order and deployed in line ready to storm the fort Gen. Stevenson gave Col. Sturgess orders to remain where he was untill he went to the right and gave the 7th orders to charge. then when he received the order to move forward. But it did not come. the 7th and 81st charged But they were cut down like sheep and had to fall back with great loss But few men Reach the fort, and they lay in the ditch till dark Col. Dollins of the 81st was killed near the fort we held our position untill dark under a severe fire. was then deployed as skirmishers and left on picket duty all night. had some fun shooting at the Rebs &c loss in company was four men wounded first fire Wm. Miller lost right arm, John Cummings flesh wound in thigh (severe) A. S. Baylor right knee bruised peice shell. Henry Stillhammer Bruised peice shell in the neck

Saturday May the 23d 1863 feel very well this morning after losing sleep last night. nothing took place of unusual interest during the night. some little firing along the line By the picketts, one of our Co. H. Stillhamer received a slight wound in the nose this morning while in the rifle pit. glancing shot, was relieved this morning By the 17th went to camp found things all quiet and strait. the Batteries was all Brought to Bear on one of the forts this forenoon to test its pregnibility. it was litteraly reduced to the ground in an hour But for some reason there was no attempt made to take possession of it, Boltons (Chicago) Battery done some of the Best shooting that I ever saw done throwing and Bursting their shells right in the Breast works making the cotton Bales fly into the air, orders to go on pickett duty at 4 A.M. no news

before vicks burgh May the 24th 1863 up at half past three, feel very well all getting along fine was taken out on duty Before we got our breakfast relieved the 17th was posted where we was day before yesterday our Boys kept up a constant fire on the Rebel sharp shooters, But dont know with what effect except to make them keep pretty low some times. at other times they would conceal them selves, and keep up a constant fire on us for some time not hurting any thing But coming close enough some times to make us dodge a little we had two men wounded in the Reg't. in the course of the day. constant firing around the whole line all day Gen. Lawmans division came up to day and took its position on the left to support Gen. J A Mc— at night had some chat with the rebel pickets, company in three reliefs. had charge of the 2nd no news in camp to day.

Before Vicksburgh May the 25th 1863 was called up early this morning to be ready for any event that might happen to transpire feel very well. considering that I got But very little rest. skirmishing commenced at dawn of day, was relieved at 7.O. A.M. By 7th Mo. returned to camp. rebel sharp shooters more desperate to day than since the investment of the place, shooting at every man that puts his head aBove the hill. Wounded Liut. Covers slight & J Elwood, Ball in the thigh, 3 PM some excitement in camp caused By the appearance of a flag of truce gen Logan met it and treated with them. the object was not made known the communications between Pemberton & Grant were sealed, the ostensible result was a cessation of hostilities till 8t P.M during the cessation the rebels and our men were all mixed up

& very sociable. some 30 deserted and gave them selves up 10 P.M. was called up and throwed up rifle pits in front of our camp. expect the rebels to try to cut out soon or surrender rations short

Before Vicksburgh Tuesday May the 26th "/63 Slept late this morning. feel some the worse for the wear. have lost so much rest here of late. that I am nearly worn out. health in the army very good now

weather very warm and sultry, though we can stand it fine. surprisingly so

Water scarce, and not very good any way though we can stand it a few days yet as the seige cannot last much longer the rebels are gettings short of supplies of all kinds. and deserters report that the men refuse to try to cut their way out through our lines, if so they are wise. reported that the rebels gobbled up 5. Co.s of the 46th Reg't. last night. while on pickett duty, dont Believe, it may be so

11. oclock P.M. officers got a little scared. ordered us up and made us lay in the ditch all night. not a very comfortable place. But then our comfort and ease is seldom taken into consideration no news in camp to day of note

Before Vicksburgh Wed. May the 27th "/63 dismissed from the entrenchment at day break. went to bed and slept some two hours, then got some break fast &c, weather very warm and sultry rebel sharp shooters getting quite desperate. shooting at every man that ventures to show his head above the top of the hill. But with very little effect, seldom hitting any Body. they keep a constant whistling of Bullets through our camp all the time rather annoying though we are getting quite usued to such things now. nothing going on round the lines But skirmishing and occasionaly throwing a shell inside their fort to keep them lively, mortor fleet still continues to shell the city and rebel camps federal soldiers taken and paroled. report a Bad state of affairs in the city. shell from the fleet make great havock with things generaly very Bad odor in the city, night finished our Breast works, no other news

before Vicksburgh Thursday May 28th "/63 all things right. health good. Boys in fine spirits. and full of hope as regards the result of the seige of vicksburgh. have the utmost confidence in gen "grants" aBility to reduce the place. think it just a matter of time nothing But skirmishing going on to day. no news of a reliable Source reported that Joe Johnston had Been drove Back on the other side Black River.

Friday May the 29th 1863 up at 3. A.M. rested fine. last night reg't taken out on pickett duty. deployed as skirmishers company divided into three relieve had charge 2nd 6.30 a.m heavy bombardment of rebel works for one hour then ceased skirmishing kept up all day, rained nice shower. 5 P.M. Bombardment resumed continued tilll 6 P.m. kept up all night By the river fleet. nothing unusual during the night Capt. Degolia 8th Mich. Battery severly wounded yesterday Capt. Rogers of McAlisters Battery killed to day, one Co. C. Mortaly wounded.

Before Vicksburgh Sat. May 30th 1863 feel quite well. called up at half past three. was relieved at 4 Am by 7th M.o. marched to camp. nothing took place during the night of unusual interest or uncomonaly strange. Mortor fleet kept up fire all night at intervals of fifteen minuets, weather very warm and sultry pretty hard on the Boys, But they bear it philosophicaly. and with heroic fortitude

7 A.m general Bombardment until 8t a.m. just litterly tore the forts to the ground some of the Batteries done splendid execution firing with alacrity and great precision especialy Boltons Chicago battery

dug a well in camp found plenty of water at ten feet. splendid water at that

Bombardment from 5 to 6 Pm. raged majesticly terrific. But with what effect we could not see except the Battering down of their forts which was done admirably well. has been done nearly every day for the past week and is often rebuilt at night

In front Vicksburgh "Sun" May 31st "/63 was awakened this morning at 3 oclock By our Batteries all opening on the rebel works in unison. making the welkin ring with their deep toned musick. and with great precision. and effect from the way they run their ambulances after the Bombardment was over

feel fine to day, health very good. weather dry hot and sultry. have plenty of good water now in the door yard which makes things go some Better. in that line

rebel sharp shooters not quite so spiteful to day as usual. got cooled off some this AM

Sent ten ($10.00) dollars to J.M. Holloway to day in a letter carreid to Bloomington Ills By "Balis. Cloud" a discharged member of Co. K. 8th Ills Reg't

rumored that we had captured the official report of the surgeon in vicksburgh setting their casualities at 500. killed and (2.700) wounded since the seige, captured dispatch moving in, couldent make it out, also 200,00 percussion gun caps going in

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In front Vicksburgh Monday June 1st 1863 finds health very good in camp. weather dry. warm and sultry. nothing new or of extraordinary interest going on in camp.

continued skirmishing, with musketry and cannon all a long the line, at times very Brisk. and animating. our Boys watch the rebels like they would a squiril. and if one has the presumtion to raise his head aBove the fort,

he gets a dozen Bullets for his temerity, sharp shooting is a game that more than rebels can play at to a good advantage.

went to the creek to day and had a good Bathe. pulled of my only shirt and had it washed, feel considerable Better now, went to the 8th M.o. to see A. Boyed. But he was not in camp. learned that he was in good health, no news of an exciting nature from the rear, no apprehensions are felt as regards a rear attack. though it is rumored that Joe Johnston, in coming with heavy force. "Grant" says let him Come

Before Vicks burgh Tuesday June 2nd 1863 feel very well this morning. was called up at twelve last night. and formed in the rifle pits. it was supposition that the rebels were making an attempt to cut out. caused as I learn, by a few reg't attempting to capture a Battery that "Gen" McClernand was planting near their forts But they was drove Back very easily and a terriffick cannonading was opend on them which lasted near an hour and which they succeded in setting the city a fire the conflagration raged to a terrible extent and I suppose consumed the greater portion of the city as Best we could judge from our point of observation. lay in the entrenchments an hour then went to Bed.

nothing of unusual interest took place during the day. skirmishing all round the lines, the daily occupation of our sharp shooters

no news of any import in camp

Before Vicks burgh June the 3d "/63 called up at three oclock this A.M went out on pickett guard. got to our post just at the dawn of day had a very interesting time sharpshooting &c &c

Health very good generaly Weather warm and sultry and very dry

afternoon rebels opened on us with a Battery from one of their forts, shelled, graped, & canistered our skirmishers and throwed a few shots at our Batteries But their fun was of short duration. the concentrated fire of our Batteries, and skirmishers soon convinced them of the necesity of with drawing "probonifore"

Cap't. Roberts Co. D. was struck in the side with peice of shell from our own Battery. severe But not dangerous

Private Co. F. wounded in the leg same way. Bad flesh wound sergeant Co. "A" shot in head with Musket ball (since died) no news to day of any import, all things prospering fine, Boys in excelent spirits. &c

Before Vicksburgh Thursday June 4th 1863 relieved at day Break this morning By the 7th Mo. returned to camp. Health very good, weather warm and sultry yet with some slight indication of rain. nothing going on out of the general roteen of ordinary affairs. concomitant to the general seige of a strong hold. no news form the rear. other than all's quiet &c think that attacking our rear has "played out" &c

Friday June the 5th A 1863 Health very good in camp generaly weather still very warm and sultry, have no shade in camp except what make it is rather tough on us. But grin & bear it nothin new round the line. still working to undermind the fort in front of us. Building a "gun boat" for sharp shooters to run up under the fort on wheels

rumored that reinforcements are arriving daily vicks must soon be in federals &c.

Before Vicksburgh Sat. June 6th 1863 rose late this morning rested fine ... night. Health good. excelent throughout the entire army, Boys all in fine spirits and full of hope just waiting for the white rag to be hung out from vicks burgh. so we can go in and count our prisnors nothing new in circulation. rebels came out last night to capture our sidehill gunboat But soon concluded to retire into their fort

weather extremely Sultry to day

Sunday, June 7th 1863 up an hour By sun. found things all right. health god feel fine

weather very warm and Sultry and dry Skirmishing still going on briskly.

received a visit from Albert Boyed 8th Mo. inf'ty. in good health & spirits

Rumored in camp that our forces in the rear had give "Johnston" a nice threshing. rather doubtful

Before Vicksburgh. Monday June 8th Health very good weather warm and Sultry. things prospering fine. soon have one of their forts underminded in forty yeards of it now

hight the rebels attempted to Burn our "gun Boat" that we have to run a head of the men at work in the ditch for protection throwed turpentine balls afire. succeeded in Burning part of it fighting nearly all night at intervals.

Tuesday June the 9th 1863 Health very good weather some little cooler to day. Called up at three A.M. went on pickett duty. posted as usual kept up skirmishing all day, nothing new, or of, great interest took place during the day, rebels very quiet, norter fleet sheeled forts quite Briskly, and I thing with good effect, must be very destructive, to life and property

night, rained a little. quite cool & pleasant. every thing quiet.

Before Vicksburgh Wed. June 10th 1863 three oclock A.M. relieved by the 7th Mo. returned to camp went to bed. took a good knap. got up eat some breakfast feel very well. health good throughout camp generaly, 7. A.M. commenced to rain. rained very hard run into shanty. got pretty wet, rained nearly all day,

and very hard at intervals just aBout 8t at night, rested very well the rest of night.

got one seige gun into position just in the rear of our camp fired a few shots to day, with very good effect. it is a nine inch gun from off the tuscumbia. they are Bringing up an other one to plant in the same place. think will make old Pemberton open his eyes in a few days every thing is in fine progress around the lines. working up under their forts at several points heavy reinforcements coming down and going to the rear no news from "Joe Johnston"

Before Vicksburgh Thurs. June 11th 1863 feel very well this morning, weather very cool and pleasant after the rain, moved my house further up the hill. and made it water proof. from the side hill floods think can rest Beter now when it rains hard seige gun Battered down one of the rebel forts this morning, made a Breach at nearly every shot, does splendid work.

afternoon detailed for guard to report at halfpast three reported marched the guard to Brigade head quarters. was there placed in charge of sixteen men and two Corpls and sent to the division correll to guard the cattle. But as we did not know the way, and could find no one that could tell us we had great difficulty in finding the place, But we finaly did.

had three posts. and five reliefs had splendid times. plenty of milk and Blackberries, had a fine time generaly I got to sleep all night no news to day from any quarter of great interest all quiet in the rear

Friday June the 12th 1863 called up at four oclock this AM feel fine, rested well last night got some milk and had Boiled mile and "hard tack" for breakfast. spent the day in picking Berries milching the cows, eating milch. and Berries. &c &c nothing new took place during the day. was relieved at halfpast five returned to camp got there just at sundown. found things all right rebels was trying to shell our camp with a morter But don't work well

Saturday June the 13th 1863 quite unwell this morning was taken sick last night, Billious attack, rested very poor all night, rebels kept throwing morter shells all night, But done now damage as I can learn. our cannon as yet can get no Bering on the "varmint" to silence it, inspection at 8t this Am, was not out, deserters from the rebels last night report grub short & great dissattisfaction. Johnston is their only hope for salvation now. and that is very faint at present 8t days will decide the affair as that will end their rations

Before Vicksburgh Sun. June 14th 1863 finds health very good weather warm But fine. things prospering fine along the line working admirably went out and picked some Blackberries found them rather scarce Rebs still persist in throwing morter shells at us bursted one over the camp. a piece wounded one of Co. D. pretty Bad, struck him in the shoulder. nothing new in circulation in camp. nothing from the rear on Johnston

Monday June 15th 1863 finds health very good. weather warm and sultry, every things prospering fine, Liut. McClung Back to the Company. received a visit from Mr. Trobridge 94th Ills Infty. also a letter from L.N. Wodcock Boys all well. occupy the extreme left of the line. rumorers of a fight in the rear & federal victory, rather doutful, nothing new going on here, rebs still continue to shell our camp. But little damage.

Before Vicksburgh June 16th 1863 health splendid, weather very warm with some slight indications of rain called up at halfpast three AM. sent out on picket duty. took our old post, found the rebs rather saucy, But they soon discovered that the 8th was on picket, was very cautious aBout showing their heads, afternoon rained. Brisk little shower. some cooler & cloudy. rebel morter only throwed two shells all day, our Batteries kept shelling the rebel works all day. the left wing advanced and drove the rebel pickets in to their forts, night rebels Bantered our Boys to meet them half way and have a chat, agreed to and two rebs came out and had quite a chat very sociable, their object seemd to be to hear from Joe Johnston. they was supposed to Be officers in privates dress. they wanted to get late papers &c But I guess what they learned wont do them any good. nothing new going the rounds. no news from the rear to day every thing quiet in camp

Before Vicksburgh Wednesday 17th "/63 Health very good. weath warm. But very nice. was relieved early this morning and went to camp. found things all right, no news in camp of any interest, the work of reducing the rebel forts progressing fine. Soon Be in posession of a portion of their works if I mistake not, sure.

no news form the rear to day, the rebs still continue to shell our camp. several wounded one man in the 7th Mo. ...

Thursday the 18th 1863 finds me in very good health Boys all well. and in fine spirits. full of hope for the future weather warm and sultry. But the Boys stand it fine and without complaint. nothing of unusual interest transpiring, around the line no news from the rear to day. rebs still continue to shell the camp, But with very little effect. we still continue the work of graduall reduction, with shells and ... everything all right.

Before vicksburgh Friday 19th 1863 not very well this morning. was sick nearly all night. was up Before day and in company with C. stillhamer started for the extreme left in search of the 94th Ills Infty. kept

close along the line of encampment and a little after sunrise found the object of our perregrination. found numerous acquaintences had a bulley old time &c &c

found that the line of investment is not so perfect nor near so strong on the left, as in the center or on the right But they are gradualy advancing reinforcing &c and will soon Be in good position and ready for opperation

started for camp just at dark stoped at the 41st a short time. saw John Mc, found him in good health. after getting off the track onc or twice. and much hard walking we reached camp distance between the 8th and 94th 5 miles found thing all right. weather very hot to day, no news.

Before Vicksburgh Saturday the 20th "/63 find health very good generaly called up at three A.M. and formed in the ditches. the movement was mere precaution, at 4 A.M. a general bombardment took place which lasted till ten A.M. when we was relieved. the cannonading was terrific, and must of inflicted great punishment on the enemy. as the shells was thrown in every direction into the City and so forth, work in the entrenchments advancing on the fort going on bravely. the Boys climed up and commenced to day a trench through the rebel works. the rebs objected. through over hand granades &c But all to no effect, the Boys worked on Several of the Boys climed to the top of the fort and looked over inside. But one of them became to reckless, and his temerity cost him his life. think we will Be in the fort in 2 or 3 days weather very warm. no news in camp some Boys over from the 94th.

Before Vicksburgh Suday the 21st "/63 finds health very good in camp weather very cool and nice to day, quite a breeze stiring, making things more comfortable tha for the few last days, all quiet on the lines except skirmishing, no news form the rear to day, Boys in fine spirits work progressing on the entrenchments slow to day

Monday the 22nd 1863 Health good, called up at three A.M. reg't. formed. sent out on picket duty posted at our old place found the Rebs very quiet this morning. fireing only when they thought they could make a sure shot, shelled the camp all day with their morter gun. But doing no damage at all

Severely wounded one of Co. A in the head, the Ball passing through Both Temples Just forrard of the ears, no news to day except that Johnston had crossed Black river and was advancing. Grant was preparing for him. night some heavy fighting on the right. all quiet in front of us

Tuesday the 23d 1863 all right, health good, relieved at 4.A.M. returned to quarters found things all going on right, nothing new in camp, no reliable news from the rear. reported that Joe. Johnston had crossed Black river, with 45,000 men and was advancing

2nd Brigade Logans division and a Battery was sent back. &c

Wednesday the 24th "/63 health good as usual in camp weather warm and sultry. one hundred and fifty (150) men detailed to work on the entrenchments under the fort. now within two rods of the rebel works, the drift under the fort doing fine, under some thirty feet expect to Be ready to blow it up soon the rebs still throw granades at our Boys. do no harm skirmishing all the time, no news from the rear

Before Vicksburgh Thursday 25th health very good weather still warm and very sultry, went out Black berrian sam found them rather scarce and difficult to get

3 pm Regt formed in the entrenchments the remainder of McPhersons Corps was massed in the rear of our Brigade ready for any emergency that might arise at 4pm everything being ready the match was touched, and in just ten minutes one end of the rebel fort was sent flying in the air, some portions of it was thrown 300 feet high, the dust and smoke had scarcely cleared away untill the 45th Reg't. was in the cavity made by the explosion an fight ensued but we proved victorious the Rebs done us considerable injury with granades. night closed on the scene and the strife continued granades were exchanged freely and musketry very rapid our loss was prety heavy viewed the whole scene from our rifle pits no other news. left on the entrenchments

Before Vicksburgh Friday 26th "/63 finds health very good weather warm and sultry lay in the entrenchments all night and till 10 today then relieved and went to quarters. the fight at the fort still continues, boys fighting it by the at eight feet distance we still hold all that we gained, the rebs still contest for right to hold it, or advance any further

5pm Regt reviewed detailed for duty and at 6 formed and marched to the fort to relieve the 1st Brigade posted in the entrenchments to sharpshoot our company is assigned the duty of guarding the entrance to the tunnel and the cavity made by the blow up. had one man killed on the tov fort shot through head (Lytle R Henline) in passing a place exposed to their fire everything went of as well as could be expected took some granades sliped up to their fort and threw them in while they was busy at work but they soon dried that up. no news from the rear today.

Before Vicksburgh Saturday 27th 1863 find health good weather fine But rather warm and Sultry to Be comfortable remained on duty all day, afternon slight shower of rain. cooled the air some, at night relieved, and returned to quarters after twenty four hours hard

duty, with a loss of two (2) killed and eleven (11) wounded. it was the most disagreeable guard duty that we was performed, no news from the rear
rumored that Lee, had whiped Hooker

Sunday the 28th 1863 finds health good weather warm and sultry. all quiet to day. more so than for some time past, times very dull to day. feel quite stuped
rumored to day that Hooker had gave Lee a good threshing and drove him Back. needs confirmation
at work some to day on the rifle pits rebs throw granades over at them
no news of import in camp

Before Vicksburgh Monday 29th 1863 finds health very good,weather warm and sultry. called up at three A.M. and sent out on pickett duty. posted at the same old place nothing new took place during the day, rebs exchanged shots quite freely. received a visit from Lieut. Wm. Calhoun 94th Boys all well there. night all went of quiet as usual. firing a shot now and then to warm them of our vigilence.

Tuesday the 30th 1863 health very good. weather still very warm and sultry. water getting very scarce in camp. at this critical time
10. A.M. musterd By Col. Sturgess by companies in camp for the want of room to day otherwise was preceded By inspection as usual. expect pay soon 17th paid to day, no news to day from the rear, our forces reported across Black river. rebs shoot quite brisk to day. getting desperate

Before Vicksburgh Thursday July 1st "/63
Clothing account for July 1863

date		$	cts
6th	to one Blouse	2	63
	to one knapsack		
18th	" two woolen shirts		

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Before Vicksburgh Thursday July 1st "/63 finds health very good weather very warm and sultry. every thing progressing fine drift under the fort nearly done, afternoon 2. PM called into line. formed in the rifle pits and at three P.M the Rebel fort was blown up with a terriffic explosion. and as we learn with great destruction of life five men and two negroes were thrown into our rifle pits &c later two Regts came out on the left and was drove Back with heavy loss. a Col. and seven men surrendered them selves up reported (300) killed and wounded

Friday the 2nd 1863 health good. weather warm and dry no news of interest in camp. got two wooden morters into Position yesterday, doing good execution &c no news from the rear to day afternoon paid two months pay ($34.00) night hard fighting on the left don't know what it means heard no particulars yet. rebs fired into our pickets By volleys just before dark &

Before Vicks July the 3d 1863 Health good as usual now at present. Weather very warm and Sultry Boys in fine spirits and full of hope
8t A.M. flag of truce came out in front of A. G. Smiths division. Borne By two generals who was Blindfolded and taken to grants head quarters. A cessation of hostilities ensued. federal and Rebel troops stood upon their rifle pits with impunity. a Bout ten A.M. a reb. fired at the Col. of the 32d C. wounded one man the Col. ordered the Picket to fire. a peice of artilery fired with grape killing 17 rebs &c
afternoon Pemberton met Grant in front of our division. to arrange terms of Surrender. that Being the object of the flag of truce the whole afternoon was spent in in consultation By the two Gen's. and the most of the night, as I understand.
7 P.M. called into line and sent out on Picket. orders not to fire untill further orders all very quiet in deed. feel quite lost.
no news from the rear to day. —-

Before Vicksburgh, Sat. July 4th 1863 thus the eighty Seventh anniversary of our national independence was ushered in as quiet as the Holy Sabath in a civilized land. all was peace and quiet. we could scarcely realize that we was at war. and in front of a hostile foe. though now subdued by hunger 8t A.m. rebel officers came out. sent a communication to "Grant" which said that vicksburgh was ours. was called in to get ready to march into town, and at twelve the Brigade was formed and Logan's division marched in and took formal Possession of the Place got into town just at two. PM. and to my great surprise found the City But little injured By the Morter fleet. they have caves dug all through town to hide in in times of Bombardment, found the Rebs nearly starved and much fatigued. &c they had actualy Been eating mule meat, also hostile against Pemberton. and many disgusted with the Rebel service. moved out & camped Back of the Rebel works, the question is which out Ranks Grant or the 4th of July

Vicksburgh Sunday the 5th 1863 finds health very good. weather warm moved camp Back in a hollow and Pitched tents for the first time since the 25th of April. water very scarce commenced to day a well, commenced to Parole the Prisnors to day according to the terms of surrender, & to let the officer's march out with their side arms. private property &c But a majority of the men say they won't accept anything But a seperate parole, and then they intend to go home. they dont like the idea of going to a paroled camp. the L.A. Texas & Mo. troops swear they will never march out of here that they intend to Be set across the river. that they will never fight again in "Miss" nor east of the River. and hundreds of them will take the oath and go north they feel that they have sustained a heavy loss in the fall of vicksburgh. they look to Lee to retreive their loss. But I think they may look in vain. Port hudson will soon follow. then the confederacy will be severed and destruction will soon follow & the union triumph

Vicksburgh Monday the 6th 1863 finds health very good, weather very warm and Sultry finished our well this morning, got plenty of good water &c had some spirited discussions on the policy of the President with the "Secesh" the Rebel army is very much demoralized and sadly disgusted with present state of affairs - 5 P.M. heavy wind storm came up blowing down several trees that had been pierced By cannon balls, received visit from Lieut L N Woodcock. 94th Reg't. 6.30 P.M. dressparade on Color line By Col. Sturgess

Tuesday July the 7th 1863 Health very good weather still warm. Rebel prisnors still in our lines, work of paroling rather slow. Rumors of a fight and the capture of "Johnston" on the other side Black river. But nothing very reliable aBout it . But we expect Big times there soon if "Joe" don't run, 6. PM dressparade, By Col. Sturgess. visit from Geo. Lanier & Geo Welch. later wind storm, and very hard rain cooled the air some

Vicksburgh Wednesday the 8th "/63 Health very good, weather warm up very early received orders to Be ready for picket duty at 7. A.M. got Breakfast and at seven was called in line and marched out to the Breast Works. and was divided into three reliefs, and deployed on the Breast Works as skirmishers to keep prisnors in on the 3d relief, was posted on Jackson Road to read passes &c kept two and three Busy all the time, a Col. from the rear reports Grants army the other side of Jackson several ladies passed out, and in of vicksburgh all quiet during the night

Thursday the 9th was relieved from duty this A.M. by 32d Ohio returned to camp. health very good. weather very warm and sultry. there seems to be some difficulty a Bout the conditions of the surrender very slow aBout sending the prisnors out rumored that Lee had Been defeated By Mead's army with heavy loss and was likely to get it worse Long streets division reported captured Johnston still on the retreat.

Vicksburgh Friday the 10th A. 1863 health good, weather warm all quiet inside the lines the work of demoralization still going on in the rebel ranks, were it not for the name they would half desert. some of the 94th Boys came up to day learned that "Herrons" division had received marching orders for Port hudson went down in the afternoon to see the Boys found them in very good health all things well considered returned to camp after dark no news from the rear to day. no news But of Victories &c

Sat. the 11th "/63 health good weather warm. detailed for Picket guard at 6.30 am Posted at the old place, the Reg't. was detailed to search the Prisnors as they went out commenced to sent them out early Bowens division and some other, went out on the Jackson road and a dirty, greesy, raged set they were Pemberton and staff pased out aBout noon did not get to see him several Ladies accompanied them out. a great many of their men hid and refused to leave the place others will desert as soon as the are out of our line. no news of any reliable source in camp.

[the following entry does not use the code he had established but is straight spelling]

Vicksburgh the 12th "/63 (Sunday) finds me in good health. health in the Reg't. very good and the army generaly
weather very warm and sultry was relieved from duty at 8t a.m. returned to camp sent Lee's and Steven's divisions of prisnors out to day on the Blackriver road. numbers of those sent out yesterday have returned. &c — afternoon got a pass and went to the City found things all in Bustle, river full transports Ransomes brigade left for Natchies. Shingles out for New Orleans glorious news from all quarters victory, Victory, 6 P.M. dressparade

[the following entry is again in the established code]

Monday the 13th 1863 all is well in camp weather very warm &c Boys all in fine spirits. and perfectly elated with our recent victories. think if those adventures are followed up peace will be the result with the Miss. River open Lees army innihibated the rebellion must go down. to rise no more prisnors nearly all out. But the sick and wounded.
five P.M reg't.l. inspection By Lieut. "Reynolds" Boys got some beer nearly all tight having Big times,

the good news still comes in from the east. Lees gone up.

[the following and subsequent entries do not use any code]

Vicksburg Teusday the 14th 1863 finds health very good. weather warm and Sultry. Business quite lively in the City. unloading and removing and putting away stores &c. heavy fatigue parties detailed every day from the Reg'ts, duty very heavy Just at present as there are But very few troops here now, mostly all out after Johnston, Rumored that he is surrounded at Jackson. five P.M. signed the payrolls for two months pay

Wednesday the 15th 1863 health good, weather warm. detailed for fatigue duty. reported at 6.30 a.m. was taken to the south of the City. a detail of one hundred men under Capt. Bishop Co H. to put up hospital tents. put up some 83 and then returned to camp, reported again to day that Grant. has Johnston surrounded that they are fighting there now reinforcements are going to Grant. the capture of that army is anticipated Soon no news from any other quarter to day.

Vicksburgh Thursday the 16th 1863 finds health very good. weather Warm and sulry yet we are getting along bravely. have pretty hard duty to perform But it is done without complaint the Boys all satisfied to do any thing that will tend to end the war. or add to our present Series of victories, nothing new from Jackson. reliable. rumored that one divison of our troops had charged and taken their outer works But were forced to aBandon with heavy loss &c
6.30 PM dressparade By Col. Sturgess

Friday the 17th 1863 health as usual. weather still very warm. no news to day, other than through the "Papers" and that five days old. things rather dull in camp, But Business quite lively in town &c
went Bathing, this P.M. found splendid place. returned By Capt. Michigers office, rained some very late this evening, uncle Sam has to feed all the citizens here and vicinity

Vicksburgh the 18th Saturday "/63 health very good in camp some little sickness. nothing very serious, weather very warm and Sultry, matters and things about as usual in camp, rumor reports that "Johnson" has concluded if Grant was going to fight, he would not stay to see it. consequently he skeedaddled took some prisnors, don't know how many 6.30 PM dress parade. order read granting furloughs to five percent of the troops here in compliance with an act of Congress &c

Sunday the 19th 1863 finds health very good, weather warm and Sultry got a pass and went to the City to church. was at the Catholic at 9, and the "Methodist" at eleven. able adress by Capt "Webb" returned to camp Rumored that "Meade" had been defeatd By "Lee" nothing positive though it is confirmed that Johnston has skeedaddled no other particulars given some excitement about furloughs &c Reg't. nearly all on guard to day.

Vicks burgh Monday the 20th "/63 not very well to day though nothing very serious the matter. health generaly good in camp. weather very warm and extremely Sultry But the Boys seem to stand it fine as well at least as the natives, in like situation, no news to day other than received through the public Journals Boys very hopefull, think the war will soon end. that reb. can't stick it out much longer at the very Best. &c.
630 PM dressparade nix go

Teusday the 21st A 1863 Health aBout the same. weather still very warm and Sultry. water getting rather scarce in camp. wells are all failing. no news of unusual interest in camp. get plenty to eat now, and the Boys all seem content. But rather anxious to go home on furlough this summer if possible Johnston is still falling Back from before Sherman, he dare not fight.

Vicksburg Wed. the 22nd 1863 finds health very good in camp. weather very warm and Sultry, all very quiet in camp at present George Marion and John S Wiley started home on furlough, afternoon storm come up. rained nice shower Just before dark no news to day.

thursday the 23d 1863 health very good. weather some cooler this a.m. detailed for picket the guard reported at 7 A.M. was posted on the rail road in charge of 18 men. horey's division passed inside to day from Black river the whole army on its way Back afternoon rained some, cooled the air considerable. night warm again. mosquitoes very Bad. could not sleep for the pesky little varmints no news of any importance in circulation here at this place

Vicks burg Friday the 24th "/63 health not very good this morning got very sore mouth. weather very warm, relieved at 8t am went to camp got breakfast, went to the river to see the 94th as they had orders to leave to day. found them ready to embark, their destination not known. But supposed to Be Mobile. nearly all the army here has marching orders. "Grant's alive to the times"
6 30 P.m dressparade, By Maj."Sheets"

Saturday the 25th 1863 not very well to day, mouth very painful. weather very warm and sultry received orders to move camp this morning. moved

aBout a half mile towards the river, Between the 7th & 17th. not any Better place than the one we left But any thing to keep us Busy. took nearly all day to get the tents up in order no news to day of any import in camp 25 Boats loads of troops went down the river to day.

Vick burg Sunday the 26th 1863 quite unwell this morning weather quite warm &c Co. inspection at 9 am was not out was to sick very dull morning. Afternoon 4 oclock hard wind storm decaped some of the officers tents followed By very hard rain. water run a foot deep through our camp making rest rather unpleasant for awhile night rested poorly raind very hard

Monday the 27th 1863 Health some Better to day, Health very good in the Reg't. weather quite cool and plesant to day. rained a very little, nearly all the Co. detailed for guard to day, mostly pickett duty, no news in camp to day, every thing quiet. and dull, has resumed the Monotonous aspect of ordinary camp life. late papers But the contain nothing to relieve the tedium of the flying moments. "Grant" has some great move a foot, But it is yet, "Embryo" hope the war will soon Be over

Vicksburg Tuesday the 28th "/63 Health still improving very fast very good in camp generaly, weather moderately warm. But not extremely so. Boys in fine spirits and full of hope for the future. no news of unusual interest. afternoon late hard wind storm. and rain. played smash with the officers tents on the top of the hill, made the Boys quite merry.

Wednesday the 29th Health good in camp. weather warm. But not Sultry. all very quiet in camp, times very dull, no news to day from any quarter, no papers in camp of late date

Six oclock P.M. dressparade in front of quarters By major Sheets Leiut. Col. Robert H Sturgess farewell address was read to the Reg't he having resigned and thus is gone an other of our Best officers the very life of the 8th reg't.

Vicksburg Thursday the 30th "/63 Health very good weather warm and rather Sultry, nothing new in camp of great interest or unusual excitement nothing to relieve the tedious monotony of ordinary camp life. some talk aBout enlistng in the Veteran Corps. But no order yet to transfer men from reg'ts to it Such an order would Be a good thing

6. PM dressparade by "Maj. Sheets"

Friday the 31st 1863 up early this morning Health very good weather quite warm. detailed for picket guard reported at 7. A.M was posted on the railroad in charge of 18. men and 3. corpls had But little to do all day. as the order's was to let no one pass in or out at that place, though some times slightly digressed at times rumored that an entire rebel reg't had marched in and given themselves to our pickets at Blackriver nothing of interest took place to day.

Vicksburg Sat. August the 1st "/63 Health very good. weather warm and Sultry. relieved from guard at 8t A.M. returned to quarters found things all right, no news in camp of any consequence. afternoon late rained very hard, cooled the air "nice" &c.

Sunday the 2nd 1863 health very good, wather warm and Sultry. Some excitement in camp in regard to joining the veteran Corps Lieut Cover Co H authorized to enlist the company quite a number of the Boy's have enlisted. no difficulty in getting his company full. from the old regts But the time is to long for I.

6. P.M. dressparade on the color line. By Major Sheets. our present regimental commander

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A
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pictured pocket. I
hope we get a neat people
I hope

[this is written in large letters on the front page of this 4th diary. I don't know if it is James' writing or that of someone else, nor to what it refers.]

Clothing acct. for August

date	articles	dollars	cts
21st	one canteen		

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Vicksburg August 3d Health very good. weather warm and Sultry. no news in camp of any interest. every thing going on quiet. and peaceable in the City quite anxious for active opperations to commence at Charlston and Mobile and the reduction of Said places. &c 6 P.M. dressparade By Major Sheets

Teusday Aug. 4th up early this A.M. Health very good. weather warm. Reg't. furnished guard to day. went out in the country in charge of a team and four men. for forage had a good time. got some Peaches &c weather extremely Sultry nearly melted gathering our corn arrived at camp just before sundown after Being gone all day. found nothing new in camp

Vicksburg Wed. the 5th "/63 Health moderately good to day. weather Still warm and Sultry But the Boys endure it with heroick fortitude. can stand it full as well as the Citizens. and better than the rebel soldiers got a pass in the afternoon & went to the City Saw nothing of interest Serg't Wiley detailed for duty in the 9th L.a. commenced to act as P.S.
6. PM dressparade by Maj. Sheets

August the 6th 1863 finds Health very good &c weather warm and Sultry no news of any interest in camp
went to day and made arrangements to get our bread Baked at the 9th L.a. (colored) Reg't. afternoon rained a nice shower. cooled the air. made it quite pleasant which was quite acceptable at this particular time. nothing of interest in camp to day

Vickburg Friday the 7th finds health very good weather warm and Sultry no news of interest in camp the officers leave of absence came Back to day approved. and in an hour they was all of except one to a company. except Co. G
John [empty space for last name] 2nd Leut. Co. B left in command of K Denison gone home
dressparade at Six P.M. by Sheets night officers came Back couldn't get Boat for up

Sat. the 8th 1863 finds health very good. weather very warm and Sultry. Reg't. nearly all on guard to day K furnished Serg't. Corpl. & 9 men one for fatigue two for Regimental duty no news to day of interest Gen. "Ords" Corps has orders for down the river officers did not get off to day could get no Boat going up rumored that the Ruth (transport) had Been destroyed By guerillas

Vickburg Sunday the 9th 1863 finds health very good. weather warm and, extremely Sultry to day. no news in camp to day of interest. William Cox of Blooming grove arrived here to day, and paid me a visit. was in Search of his Son. reports favorable for the Succor State, crops &c this season everything quiet as usual in camp
6.P.M. dressparade by — Sheets

Monday the 10th 1863 Health good as common to day weather very warm and Sultry. officers Started home to day. But got no farther than the River. no Boats going up to day. no news from any quarter of unusual interest, or very exciting. all quiet in camp drawed rations to day for five days (re) to 15th made out an ordinance report and list of defective equipments &c &c Rumored the our division goes to Memphis Tenn

Vicks burg Teus. the 11th "/63 Health very good weather warm and Sultry. nothing of interest going on in camp every thing quiet and still. health officers taking rigid measures to prevent Sickness. Captain got started home at noon to day
Six P.M. dressparade on the Color line By Maj. Sheets

Wed. the 12th 1863 finds Health aBout the same weather extremely Sultry in the forenoon nearly all the Comp on duty. it Being the 8ths turn for guard, in command the Co. afternoon rained some cooled the air considerable. Lieut J. G. McClung arrived late in company with his Brother & a Mr. Levingston of the 94th. Brings good news from home &c looks quite well

Vicks burg Thursday 13th 1863 finds health very good in camp weather very warm and Sultry in the forenoon no news of any very great interest going on here in camp every thing very quiet and still, duty pretty heavy for the Boys though they do it without complaint late this P.M. hard wind, and rain in torrents, playing out dressparade to the infinite Joy of the Boys

Friday the 14th 1863 health about the Same, weather to, Received Special for the policing of Co. grounds &c and for inspection at 6. P.M. But the last was countermanded at noon till 6.P.M. 15th, all quiet in camp as usual no news of import from any quarter to day. late Papers But the contain nothing of interest Business still Becoming more lively in the city &c

Vicks burg the 15th 1863 finds health very good weather warm and Sultry no news of any consequence in camp. all very dull and monotonous. Boys all elated with the Rumor of Gen. J. A. Logans promotion to the command of the 10th Army Corps. order came to furlough all the sick that would be able for duty in thirty days, and to transfer the others to the invalid Corps. 6 P.M. Regimental inspection by Lieut. Reynolds Stevensons staff

Sunday the 16th "/63 finds health very good. weather quite warm and sultry in the fore noon Regt. all on guard Company furnished one Lieut. one Sergt one Corpl. and eight Privates afternoon rained very hard. with heavy wind, quite muddy in quarters no news of interest to day

Vicks burg the 17th 1863 finds health very good. through out camp. Some little sickness But very few serious cases. weather very warm and Sultry, though we have plenty of rain at intervals of two or three days no news of interest here at present. granting furloughs to the sick in the hospitals
6 P.M. dressparade by Maj. Sheets

Teusday the 18th 1863 health very good weather quite Sultry in the forenoon procured a pass went down to the River to the forty (41st) first Regt. found them embarking for Natchies, their entire army Corps is under orders for down the River. returned to camp (via.) the City Saw nothing exciting 4 P.M. very heavy rain with But little wind. made camp quite muddy for a while

Vicks burg Wed. the 19th 1863 health good as common in the Reg't. weather quite warm and Sultry yet we can endure it fine. the Steamer City of Madison was Blown up this a.m. accidently with terrible loss of life. the shock was terriffic jarring the windows out up in the city. the sad affair was caused By the accidental explosion of a percussion Shell. afternoon whol Reg't. detailed on fatigue got a pass went to the city Saw the City of Madison She is a total wreck Being Blown all to pieces. up to this time they have taken of up wards of sixty Boddies. the entire loss of life is estimated at two hundred it may Be more than that as But very few on the Boat escaped death

Vicksburg Thursday the 20th finds health very good in camp weather warm. But raining an old fashioned fall rain rained till noon expecting marching orders every minuet considerable excitement in camp and various conjectures as to where we are going. 4 P.M. orders came to be ready to leave to morrow at 10.30 with two days cooked rations in havre sacks and three in mess chest. to leave tents and the sick in camp. some think we go up the White River to reinforce Blount some up the red River
kept me trotting around all the evening getting things ready for the trip &c hope we will have good times and plenty of fun understand that Gen. J D Stevenson is to command the expedition

Vicksburg Friday the 21st "/63 up early in the morning health very good. weather warm & got our Breakfasts and made all necessary preparations for the march drawed havre sacks and canteens, at half past ten the Drum Beat. fell in. the Regt. was formed on parade ground Closed in mass and an order read from Stevenson forbiding individual foraging during the expidition or indiscriminate plunder. marched to the City and sent aboard the dilligent with part of the 7th M.o. But the Boat was discovered to Be unseaworthy and we were marched of and put on the D.M. Kennett with the 7th left the landing a little before sun down and steamed up the River, so dark when we passed Butlers famous "Canal" that we could not see it. Boat Run all night did not sleep very well. on account of the nois on the Boat &c — &c.

Sat the 22nd 1863 health very good. weather very warm and Sultry arrived at goodriches Landing just at the dawn of day. disembarked got our Breakfasts. unloaded the teams &c. then moved out some thre miles to the Plantation of Oliver Morgans (formerly) now Judge Morgans. a very nice Plantation and well fixed. worked 250 hands in the days of prosperity. But is now a deserted waste. the Plantation has completely gone Back and the fine mansion where resided the haughty Judge is nearly destroyed got some sweet potatoes &c had a good time generaly Boys all lively and in fine spirits, though not very well satisfied with the commander of the expedition furnished two men for picket guard. went to Bed did not rest very well some hail

Sunday the twenty third 1863 up before day light. health very good took morning report to the adj't. eat Breakfast. had orders to be ready to move in half an hour. loaded

up the wagons. and at sunrise moved off. marched two miles Back towards the River, then turned to the right. and took direction to the west, marched to the Bayou tensus. distance from camp (12) miles. the Route was through the Bottom land. with weeds on either side the Road as high as a mans head the weather was extremely hot and sultry. had no water only what we took from camp many of the men gave out, arrived at Bayou tensus aBout noon with aBout half of the men the remainder Being unable to keep up, several were sun struck. reported that four died during the night and some forty are unable to proceed any further. some permanently disabled

in camp Monday the 24th 1863 finds me up and stiring at three a.m. according to Previous orders health very good. weather quite warm. some what foot sore. But not Past travling by any means. was to of started at half Past four, But did not move till 7. am. division train came up in the after part of the night and was crossed over in advance of us on a bridge made for present use. moved of tolerable brisk weather very warm and Sultry. found some water by the way side. Boys did not Suffer as Bad to day as yesterday, arrived at Bayou Mason about noon. a distance of 9 miles from camp. stacked arms. crossed the Bayou to a good spring got some good cold water. eat dinner then crossed over and went into camp. our advance has Been skirmishing with the Rebs for over a day and half. took some Prisnors rebs fell Back to some other Point. 2 men, one corpl. on Pickett duty

Teusday the 25th 1863 up at three am according to previous orders got Breakfast &c health very good. started at 6. A.M. 2nd (Legates) Brigade in advance. moved of tolerable Brisk, roads in tolerable good condition weather cool and nice Boys stood up to the work manfully But few gave out to day. our route lay through a swamp with high water mark from (9) to (12) feet aBove level and intersperced with heavy cane Breaks on either side of the narrow and unfrequented Road over which we traveled, now and then we passed an isolated farm house surrounded with a small garden patch. after measuring of 14 miles of this dreary land, we went into camp at 3. P.M. aBout a mile from water and in a thick cane Break coverd with green Briers, was up till nearly midnight drawing rations, then lay down with the sweet assurance that I would Be waked up at three A.M.

Wednesday the 26th 1863 up at three a.m. not very well quite somnolent. and cross as a baby cutting its first teeth fooled round till day Break was called into line and moved of 3d Brigade in the advance Col. "Potts" comdg. moved of quite Brisk arrived at "Beouff" River in two hours distance six miles. rested while then pulled our Boots, rolled up our Breeches, and waded across then rolled out again, our advance cavalry had a skirmish with rebs this A.M. moved off again. passed quite a quantity of cotton stored at the landing. Rebs tried to impede our progress By falling trees a cross the road, But faild to do so. passed through a more cultivated country marched some 8 miles and camped at Oak Ridge, an old rebel camp just evacuated, making a distance of fourteen (14) miles to day nice Place to camp as could desire

Lieut McClung took sick to day left me in commmand of company

Thurs. the 27th A 1863 up at half past three. Breakfast over took up line of march alittle after day light feel very well this morning. weather cool and nice. Lieut. McClung quite unwell this a.m. gave me command of the company. went Back to Ambulance train to ride general John D. issued a very rigid order to Regts. this a.m. against foraging, marched 9 miles through a swampy country to Bayou Beoff and stoped for dinner at 11 am rested till 4 P.M. took up line of march, road lay through high Pine ridge road quite level and nice traveling. thickly settled But not very Productive arrived at Bayou Sorish at 8t P.M. went into camp very good Place. distance 10 miles quite tired to night. got supper. went to Bed, rested fine. orders to leave at 8t in the morning, understand the rebs intend to make a stand at Monroe, cavalry Been skirmishing all day. distance to day (19.M)

Friday the 28th 1863 up at day Break waked up the Boys got Breakfast. and ready for march Received orders to have inspection & see that the men all had 40 rounds of ammunition formed Co. and complied with the order. at 8.30 moved off our Brigade next to advance. marched very slow. commenced to rain aBout 10. rained the rest of the day. came to within one mile of "Monroe" aBout one oclock went into Camp. first Brigade marched into the city. though Preceeded by the cavalry. found the town and fortifications evacuated By the Rebels. did not learn the amount of spoils Captured except a lot of Rum and seven rail road engines. the town is quite a place for a Backward City professes to be loyal. Cant vouch for their cincerity may all Be right. did not rain any after night. orders to march at 5.30 A M marched 8t miles to day &c

Saturday the 29th 1863 up at 4. A.M. got Breakfast and was ready for the march By day light Started at 5.30 on our retrograde movement returned By the same road that we went. weather cool and nice for the time of Season. arrived at Bayou Beoff at 12. M. quite tired, halted for dinner rested some four hours then moved of quite Brisk, was followed back by a multitude of negroes women, &c found them all along By the road side with their worldly effects. Just waiting for us to return So they could follow us to the Promise land. the land of

freedom arrived at Oak hill a little after sun down went into camp very much fatigued having marched 27 miles. Boys all Stood the march fine But few fainted By the way side. Several citizens followed us to day. what their Business was I know not. But Presume they was in search of runaway negroes &c ———

Sunday the 30th 1863 Revalie Sounded at three this a.m. But I did not get up untill near day light. had Just time to eat my Breakfast when the Drum Beat to fall in. moved out a little ways and Stacked arms. company detailed as rear guard to the Reg't. Lieut. Collmer of Co. B. in command. fooled along the Road untill near noon. when we arrived at Beoff River and went into camp. for the night. distance 10 miles not much of a march but quite wearisome. was on the Road so long. here the citizens came in and proved their loyalty Such as were loyal, and on account of this we had to go some six miles after forage there Being But one Secesh living closer, and we cleaned him out as we went out to Monroe nothing of interest took Place in camp weather cool an nice health very good.

Monday the 31st 1863 finds us up early in the morning health very good weather cool and nice for traveling. most to cool to Be right comfortable. was on the road By the dawn of day. moved of quite Brisk where the Roads were in order to admit of it. aBout 12 M when within three miles of Bayou Mason halted to to rest of of B J Shot himself he Sat down By a tree. took of his right Shoe cocked the gun placed the Muzzle of the gun in his mouth and fired it with his toe no one was aware of what he was aBout untill warned of the deed By the report of gun. some say he was insane, others he was not though he was subject to fits. had had several since we have Been on the march. arrived at the Bayou at one oclock crossed over. and went into camp. quite tired having marched 20 miles 17th mustered this eve.

Clothing Acc't. for Sept. 1863

date		dols	cts
6th	to two pairs Socks	1	64

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September the 1st 1863 finds me in camp on the Bayou Mason. in very good health generaly weather cool and nice. received in formation that we would lay over in camp to day. and start for the River to night about 12. oclock.

Boys availed themselves of this opportunity to forage some on their own luck and not withstanding the vigilance of general Stevenson succeeded in procuring great quantities of sweet potatoes, hogs, chickens, turkies, &c though quite a number was gobbled up By the guard. But mostly made their escape nothing new or interesting going on in the camp. things quite dull.

received orders to Be ready to march at 12 to night, and to load the wagons Before dark, lay down to try to get some sleep. But found it rather a difficult task to accomplish

Wed. the 2nd 1863 up at 12 oclock according to previous orders health very good. weather cool and nice at 1. a.m. took up line of march for the river. moved of quite Brisk. arrived at Bayou tensas, at four. a.m. ten miles rested a few minuets then moved on arrived at the river at 8t a.m. found Boats there waiting for us. rested a while. then went on Board the "Steamer" "Lebanon" with the 7th Mo. made a detail to load the Bagage all things ready we steamed down the River at 12 M. had rather a hard trip, poor place to rest, or stir aBout nothing took place of interest on our way down. arrived at Vicksburg at 5 P.M. disembarked, left detail to unload our traps. then marched to our old camp found things all right Sick Boys well, furloughed returned &c. un loaded. eat Supper. as the Boys had some prepared for us then made preparations to go to Bed and sleep knew nothing from this till morning

Vicksburg "Thurs" 3d 1863 finds health very good weather cool and nice. did not rise very early this morning. thought I would indulge in a morning nap as I had Been deprived of my rest for some time. got up. dressed and assisted to make out some reports, drawed for furloughs. got third class one But was lucky enough to exchange it for a number one. Lieut. "McClung" went to work and made out furloughs for my self, S.J. Hazelbaker. H. Stillhamer, thirteen lucky ones for the first trip to the north. no news in camp of any interest. Business quite lively in the City of Vicksburg. trade seems to Be coming very Brisk now

Received orders this P.M. to Be ready to muster at nine a.m. the fourth Inst.

Vicksburg Friday the 4th 1863 up early this morning. cleaned up traps for Muster. health very good. weather cool and nice. general health of the camp good. 9 A.M. called out Reg't. formed for muster. inspected By Lieut. Col. Sheets & adg't. Monroe was then mustered for July and Aug. dismissed and marched to quarters, made a pass and went to the famous City of Vicksburg. went

to transportation office to ascertain when Boats would leave for up the River. Received information that a Boat would leave nearly every afternoon for Cairo. passed through the most Business streets. and was much surprised to find so many Business houses open in the city. & apparently no restrictions on trade. returned to camp had dressparade at 5.30 P.M. regimental orders read of some Courts martial. no news to day of interest worthy of note

Vicksburg Miss. Sat. the 5th 1863 finds health very good in camp some little sickness, But no serious cases. weather quite pleasant. Boys all in fine spirits and enjoying them selves to the Best of their ability no news of any importance in circulation here in this City of great fame. and world notariety furloughs not returned yet getting some what impatient to Be off feel like I can hardly wait for it did not care much about going until I got a chance to go, then I took the fever very Bad at that. feel like I could enjoy the trip first rate. But must wait for the machine to move. and the Military Machines are rather slow. for most purposes.

learned to night that furloughs have passd division head quarters gen. J. D. Stevenson going to start for home in a day or to on furlough

Vicksburg Sunday the 6th finds health good as usual weather quite pleasant for the Place and season. no news in camp of any import. some rumors as regards our division leaving here afternoon things the same no furloughs yet. 5.30 PM dress parade By Col. Sheets

Monday the 7th 1863 health good weather fine no news nor nothing going on in camp of interest furlough came approved By Gen. McPherson But no boat going up to day so we have to wait another day. all ready. no go. will be of at the first whistle. had a little fight in company to day But Being in comand of the Company thought they might fight it out no Body killed

Vicks burg, Teus. 8th 1863 finds health very good. weather still pleasant. got breakfast and went to the City to watch for a boat going up the river But could see no prospect to get to go as all the Boats are detained for use of the government as fast as they arrive went to the Provost Martials office and got a pass for Memphis. went to transportation office. got transportation for the Same. went and drawed five days rations from post A.C.S waited till nearly dark ascertained there would Be no Boat go up to night. left things in town & went to camp. to stay all night no news in camp of any interest. to any one. no news from any quarter to day. all quiet in the City as usual

Vicks burg Wed. the 9th 1863 up early this morning in very good health. weather quite warm got breakfast. went to the city & to the transportation office But Capt. "Fort" said there would Be no Boat go up the river to day concluded to stay in town and see how the things would go. 1.P.M Metropolitan arrived from below with sick. and wounded from Bankses army. Boat ordered to go up at six P.M. in a few minuets was loaded with soldiers lay there until dark. But on complaint of the surgeon in charge of the Sick. they got an order to put of the soldiers that go on at Vicksburg. Gen. Stevenson ordered them of but was carefull to stay on himself. our squad got off. But some staid aBoard, hunted up a place to sleep, and went to Bed

Vicksburg, Thurs. 10th 1863 up early this morning. got some Breakfast, sent furloughs to camp and had them dated the 11th Inst. heard that one of the marine Boats was going up the river. the commander said he would take us up on his Boat. went down got a board But he received orders to only go up the river a short distance. got off, went to the old stand. then to transportation office. took diner with "Aaron Rhoads" then went out to camp almost wishing that I had never seen a furlough. Patience entirely exhausted no prospect of a Boat for two or three days at least Capt. Fort says so as I did not sleep any last night thought would Stay in camp and get some rest. weather very warm health quite good in camp generaly no news of any interest.

Vicksburg Friday the 11th 1863 up early went to the city. health good. weather warm. learned that Schuyler. was going up the river went a board clerk said she would go out at five P.M. was soon crowded with furloughed soldiers Gen. Lightburn came Board and took rooms for himself and Staff. 1 P.M. Sun Shine advertised to go up at three. then the soldiers on the Schuyler made a rush for her. and thus it was all day from one Boat to the other "Regtl. officers came down and took rooms on Sun Shine. she started up at sundown But we laid at the landing all night. thief and hoard was caught 12 at night and toke to the P.V.M office created quite an excitement loaded on some wagons and horses. Befor dark. But had to wait Gen Smiths orders to start. Boys all very impatient to Be going.

Vicksburg Sat. the 12th on board the Steamer Schuyler health good weather Pleasant. received final orders. from Gen. Smith this a.m. to start at a given signal. 12 M. three whistles the signal for starting. Steamed up the river. made good time till three P.M. landed opposite Millikens bend to wood took on fifty cord of green cotton wood Started 12 at night run very slow the rest of the night could not get steam up at all did not make over two miles an hour. Boys all swearing aBout the boat going so slow. all furloughed soldiers on Board except 4 companies of the 93d and some few citizens. tried to sleep some But could not for the nois on the Boat

Sunday the 13th 1863 finds us making our way up the River very slowly health very good. weather fine. quite pleasant riding on the river But rather trying on the patience. 8t am stoped at Goodriches landing put off some negroes. then steamed up the river. passed lake Providence at noon. Place did not look very familiar the river is so much lower than it was during our so journ at that Place run up long side the Adriatic and took on some rations for the 93d made very slow time up the river to day. But kept steady at it run all night But did not amount to much. as you could not tell this a.m. which way we had Been runing

Monday the 14th 1863 still moving on up the river slow and easy Stoping every now and then to hunt up driftwood or rails it Beeing rather difficult to find any cord wood on the river. there being no one to engage in the Business since the war commenced seems like we will never get to "Helena" at this rate of travling. Boys on furlough getting out of all patience some talk of taking the Boat in tow and running the Machine our selves Sun down stoped to wood found an old fence a Bout a half mile from the river. Boys volunteered to carry it a Board was soon loaded and steamed up again made some little Better time passed Napolean aBout ten at night. was asleep did not See the Place knew nothing more untill morning

Teusday the 15th 1863 all right this morning in good health and taking things more patient than heretofore Satisfied that I will get home some time if I have good luck. landed at Sunrise. took on another supply of rails. But does not seem to facilitate our progress. out of grub and cant Buy any. getting some what hungry. noon found some dry wood hove too and took it aBoard tried to kill a beef But failed. out of grub on the Boat. after stoping once or twice arrived at helena at 8t P.M. went up in town got something to eat hunted for another Boat found the John J Roe was going up at 12. to night. went a Board left the Schuyler minus her fare and thought she ought to Be satisfied if we was. at 11 steamed up the river. got over the Bar at one. went to sleep

Wednesday the 16th 1863 On board the Steamer J G Rose. Slowly making our way up the river. weather cool and rainy health very good. nothing new to day. Arrived at Memphis at 5. P.M. found the Steamer Emma on way for Cairo. went on board soon steamed up the River was at Memphis but a few minuet was not in the City at al

Thurs. the 17th on board the Emma. run all night made poor time. very cold and chilly to day and raining some passed forts Randolph and Pillow to day could not See any of the fortifications from the River made very good time to day. every thing went of well as could be expected

Friday the 18th 1863 finds things all right. still on board the Steamer Emma health very good weather very cold and chilly passed new Madrid at day light and Iseland No! 10 at 8t A.M. arrived at Columbus at two P.M. was not detained there But few minuets. did not search the Boat at all Steamed on up the River made Cairo just a little Before sundown no train until 3.30 a.m. went to Gen. Beaufords head quarters got military pass. went to office Bought ticket for Bloomington went up town got supper. Bought some clothes then went to the depot to wait for the train over a thousand soldiers waiting for the train very cold But had some fun of course

Sat. the 19th 1863 took cars at half past three went off on the double quick Set up all night feel quite drowsey to day. things look quite cheerful along the road in comparison to Dixie arrived at Centralia at 10. A.M lay over till one then took the main line train arrived at Bloomington 8t took my knapsack and started for old town walked very hard arrived there at Holloways at 11. But found no Body at home went to Keerans But they did not like to let me sleep all night at first found out who I was got up had a great time. Eat some supper set up nearly all the rest of the night finaly went to Bed slept very sound to Be So tired had good soft Bed

Sunday the 20th 1863 finds me in good health up early in the morning But I feel somewhat somnolent as I have lost so much sleep after Breakfast sent for the relation all came had a good time the gals all came in to see me after dinner went to the union church to singing had quite an interesting time eat supper at uncle Porter's then went to Holloways to stay all night feel very much fatigued and tired things look quite natural in and around the old stomping ground the weather is quite cold and chillly Corn badly Bit with the frost very much injured indeed quite a stroke to the farmers and war widows as the soldiers wifes are termed

Monday the 21st 1863 health good. weather quite cool remained at holloways till after dinner then went to Craigs eat supper went to Matt Gardners to a one horse apple cutting had some fun stayed quite late returned to Craigs staid the remainder of the night

Teusday the 22nd up early eat breakfast went to Delta got an opportunity to ride to town with Teter went up had a good time in town generaly went to the show was a tolerable good one thing it though it did not pay very well was in one side show lots of people in the City saw quite a number of my old acquaintences went home with William Weaver staid all night

Wednesday the 23rd 1863 finds me in good health weather still very cool, uncomfortably so to me after dinner went to Dr Craigs called at David Orendorffs on

the way down staid all night at the "Drs" had quite an interesting time talking over old times Politicks, war matter and so on &c Dr in very poor health at present. on the mend

Thursday the 24th 1863 went out to Woodcocks on a visit found them in tolerable good health getting along By the hardest took dinner with them after dinner Lew's wife and Mitt came over. quite a change in the last two years. it looks so odd &c returned to Holloways went to union to singing poor time stoped at Matts had some fun went to Holloways staid all night

Friday the 25th 1863 finds health very good the weather quite pleasant for this county went down to Delta had pleasant visit took dinner with squire Savidge. spent the PM there took supper with Mr S Wagstaff went to Holloways and staid all night

Sat. 26th "/63 finds health good weather a little cool &c up early this a.m. little Willie came in scared nearly to death reported he had found a dead man. went to the place found him nearly eat up with the hogs summoned neighbors sent for coroner, had an in quest, verdict death by violence, Buried Body went to Delta ten am with some girls to Pete Prices. then all went to Wes Browns. had fun returned to Petes staid all night went to Bed at one Oclock

Sunday the 27th 1863 in good health weather fine. up halfpast 8t Breakfast at 10. came down to uncle Josephs took dinner at twelve. Wagstaff & Lady there. went over to Keerans eat again at 1. P.M. then went up to the Un to singing at 3 P.m. had nice time returned to Keerans. had some fun with a mover then went home with one of the girls ———. Holloway and sherrif started in persuit of some movers supposed to Be guilty of that murder

Monday the 28th "/63 weather fine health good went up the Uncle A. P. C took dinner then went up the grand came to Matt Gardners at night cut some apples had some fun generaly there till late then went home with rine graff staid all night slept very sound. as I had not slep any the night Before

Teusday the 29th 1863 finds health good. weather fine up early. came down to Matts. found them all in Bed, got breakfast. went over to Kate Ducketts. there nearly all day then went to Matts then up to Bill Bleus. to Apple Cutting had good time. soon cut apples. some of the youngsters Danced Some, Came to A.P.s got there at 2 oclock went to Bed slept fine Sherif and Co. returned with their Prisnors

Wed. the 30th 1863 up early. in fine condition went with Uncle & Aunt to Lieut. J. W. Beaty's. him very Poorly though on the mend looks very Badly left there at 4. Pm. commenced to rain. raind all the way. stoped at E. Adams to shelter. took supper there then came on down to Craigs staid all night to Bed early Slept like a wood Sawyer &c

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October the 1st 1863 finds health very good weather quite cold and chilly. went to J. R. Holloways some Better returned to Craig's. eat dinner went to Macedonia School house. heard an eloquent address by Dr. Roo. audience very small. went to "William Welches" took supper. then went to a certain Place of doubtful whereabouts and was duly initiated into the Mystery of it matters not what. Returned to A. P. Craig's.

Friday Oct. the 2nd 1863 health very good. weather very chilly. went to Holloways. took dinner then went to Delta. J. B. F. McPherson came up to Uncle Jims. sent for me. went out to see the Boy. found him in good health was glad to meet. folks well at Clinton staid all night at the Deacons nothing new to day

Saturday October the 3d 1863 all well weather cold and chilly as yesterday commenced aBout 8t Oclock and rained nearly all day. late in the afternoon went to A. P. Craigs with Jess. staid all night set up till twelve had lots of fun no news to day of interest from Rosecranse. supposed to Be safe every thing quiet in the neighborhood as for Common

Sunday the 4th 1863 finds health as good as usual weather very cold. and disagreeable went up to the Union church to Sunday school. no school came Back went to Holloways took dinner then went to Keerans and to Mr. Pringeys. Back to Keerans staid all night went to Bed early slept fine all night was realy glad to get one nights rest. no news today

Monday the 5th 1863 finds health very good weather quite cool went to the Deacons thence to Delta. took dinner went to Holloways eat again then went to Keerans & eat again went out and pitched wheat awhile to the Machine eat supper went with some girls to Craigs had some fun took the girls home came to Keerans & Staid all night

Teusday the 6th 1863 up early this morning health very good weather quite cold heavy frost last night. went out to Mrs Woodcocks Staid for dinner returned to Keerans 4 PM commenced to rain rained all night. went to A P Craigs some youngsters there had some fun went to Bed very late. did not rest very well felt uneasy wanted to Be with the Reg't.

Wed. the 7th 1863 health good weather pleasant. though some what muddy went to Holloways staid for dinner. then went to Delta. came Back to H's went home with aunt M. Weaver took supper. went to Craigs thence up to Graffs took Miss Lide up to Lee Craigs to Apple Cuttings youngsters Danced Some. then returned to Graff Set up all night to get early start to City

Thursday the 8th "/63 health good. weather cold damp & chilly. gathered up traps went to Bloomington nearly all of old town went up to see me start for the army had two pictures taken left with them—. Saw Boys concluded to take morning train. Bid folks good Bye. went with Sid. to Miss Park hill got supper. went to Mrs. Stillhamer went to Bed slept very sound

Bloomington Friday 9th called up at two am. eat breakfast went to Depot. Couldn't get ticket went Board train at 3.30 and started for dixie. at Centralia at 9.30 lay over 40 minuets then for Cairo. arrived there at Sundown. distance 250 miles. got Baggage went Board Steamer Commercial. got things stratened up fixed to notion went to Bed and slept till morning

Sat. the 10th 1863 health very good weather quite chilly left Cairo 6.30 Steamed down the River arrived at Columbus at 10. a.m. run on down the river very slowly got some 20 miles below New Madrid and lay over for the night it Being rather dangerous to attempt to run the River after dark

Sunday the 11th 1863 still winding our way down the river very slowly health quite good. weather still cold and chilly difficult to find a comfortable place on the Boat. Sermon on the Boat to day By a Chaplain after stoping several times for wood freight &c Passed fort Pillow at 5 P.M. went some ten miles below tied up for the night no news of import rained very hard all night

Monday the 12th Steamed up early. health good weather the Same arrived Memphis 2. PM un Shiped went to hospital Seen Boys Couldn't get Boat. Staid all night went to theater play, "Dream at Sea" well acted. went to hospital went to Bed Slept But very little at all had Some Matter of interest to attend to, Preventing it.

Teusday the 13th 1863 health very good. weather quite Pleasant got Breakfast then shiped for vicks burg on the west Moreland left Memphis at 10 a.m. Steamed slowly down the River Boat loaded down to the guards. made very slow getting very impatient to get to the Regt. feel so lonesome and so tired of the Boat. tied up 20 miles above helena for the night

Wed. the 14th 1863 in good health weather fine steamed up quite early was detailed for guard. But was not in that kind of Business Just at this time arrived at Helena at 10 am But got on sand Bar at the Levee laid there till nearly dark before got off then tied up for the night. went shore got some Bread. took on Coal all night

Thursday the 15th 1863 health very good. weather more pleasant. Steamed down the River at 3.a.m. run Some Better to day arrived at white river at 4. PM stoped to wood. Col. Com. tried to make Boys Carry on wood But most of them gave him to understand that they was entirely to old for that after wooded run out in the stream and cast anchor for the night. went to Bed.

Friday the 16th 1863 health very good. weather fine. steamed down at day light made very good time got a ground But soon succeeded in getting off to our infinite delight River very low and difficut of Navigation for heavy draft Boats no excitement on the Boat of any kind to day
lay over at night

Saturday the 17th 1863 finds health very good weather warm But quite winday passed lake providence to day encountered quite a gale for two hours lost all control of the Boat. finaly got landed & managed to get headed down stream made slow time. landed at Paw Paw Island took on wood slow work small crew. soldiers wont work rained very hard all night rested fine

Sunday the 18th 1863 in good health. weather fine steam high make good time arrived at vicks burg at 8.30 am disembarked. hired dray to take things to camp found the reg't. all gone. whole division on a scout with ten days rations some of the sick Boys left Rumored that the reg't. had Been in a fight. cut up Badly other vague rumors. glad to get home safe. &c

Vicks burg Monday 19th 1863 finds health very good. weather quite agreeable. up rather late. eat Breakfast spent the day in cleaning up gun. writing &c heard various Rumors from the reg't. aBout a Big fight, Being cut all to peices, capturing a Battery, &c &c But nothing reliable at all late in the afternon heard that it was all a lie, that there had Been nothing But skirmishing. that the division was on its way Back would Be here to morrow if nothing happens. learnd there had Been But two men in the Reg't. wounded. they Belonged to "F" such is always the case when troops are out in the vacinity of the Enemy. that all kinds of false Rumors find there way into Camp. But are seldom believed at this late day of the feast.

Tuesday the 20th 1863 Health very good. weather warm and nice. slight indications of rain after Breakfast went to the City then to the Hospital. saw T J Wiley & A. Rhoads. Both some Better. was there quite time.

then came Back to Cap't. Forts Saw John Mahan. then returned to camp, some of the Boys had already come in. eat dinner. and commenced to get dinner for the Boys. and at 2. P.M. the Reg't. came in much fatigued and foot sore looked quite tired and worn out. with there tramp. Report that they had no fighting But Continual skirmishing with the Rebs. who showed no disposition to make fight. But Just Merely to harrass and annoy our rear. followed to Champion hill was quite impertinent &c

Wednesday the 21st "/63 health as good as common in camp. am in the personal enjoyment of extreme good health feel much more at home weather quite pleasant now at present. nothing new in camp. wrote a letter this am spent the day in reading and talking over old times &c after noon attended the funeral of a member of company B. a young man who sacrificed his life to gratify his perverted & unholy passions. may his life be a lesson. and his death a warning to those who are still living. and may they show the path that has led to his ruin and premature death. "who will hear"
5 P.M. dressparade by Lt Colonel Sheets Lieut. Brown Co F acting adjutant. Monroe on leave of absence no news to day in camp

Thursday the 22nd 1863 finds health very good. weather quite pleasant. up early this a.m. orderly Sound asleep. waked up and detailed the guard for picket at 7 fatigue called for, made the detail then went on my self. worked on the fortifications in rear of the City, which, when completed will Be quite formidable, and properly maned will Bid defiance to the confederacy relieved at 5. PM. returned to camp.

Friday the 23d 1863 in good health, and fine Spirits weather cold and rainy. commenced raining at 2. a.m. rained all day weather quite gloomy for camp life wrote a letter. so cold had to quit, signed the pay roll for two months pay, from the 30th June to 31st August. expect to Be paid in a few days. spent the day quite disagreeable indeed. went to Bed quite early, and went to sleep

Sat. the 24th A 1863 health very good. weather very pleasant. though a little cool. the Reg't. furnished fatigue party for the fortifications one hundred and forty strong no news in camp to day of interest Samuel Works and Thos. Campbell returned to the company for duty. Just from Memphis. no pay yet. say we wont be paid until Monday or Tuesday can wait till then very well or longer

Sunday the 25th 1863 Health very good. weather quite Pleasant indeed. spent the day in reading writing. and talking passed off very quick and pleasantly at 5. P.M. dressparade by Col. Sheets a letter from gen. R J Oglesby read to the Reg't. requesting company commander. to send him their Co rolls and thanking Co F. for theirs no news of interest in camp all quiet in the City &c

Monday the 26th 1863 Health very good, weather quite Pleasant. no news in camp of any interest. more than usual. heavy fatigue called for and picket guard also took all the men we had. & wanted Some more. afternoon clouded up and rained a little But did not amount to very much

Tuesday the 27th "/63 up Early this Morning. in good health weather warm. But cloudy rained alittle. rceived orders to move camp. moved nearer the City on hill Cleared of ground. put up tents. &c was summoned before the pay Master. to render an account for two months. But there Being a slight mistake in my Clothing acct. in favor of the government I refused to take my pay So will have to wait till next ti.me. night went to city to lyceum quite an interesting time

Wednesday the 28th "/63 finds me in good health the weather quite pleasant. no news of any interest in camp. forenoon wrote two letters. spent the remainder of the day in reading &c 5 PM dressparade By Col. Sheets was detailed as left general guide of the Reg't. acted as such to night no farther news of interest to day

Thursday the 29th 1863 in good health as usual. the weather cool. and rainy in the afternoon. Reg't. furnished details for Picket guard, and fatigue duty. quite disagreeable day Both out of and in camp. Spent the day in writing. took possession of the captains tent for said purpose no news of interest in Camp Everythings going on as usual night still raining Cold and disagreeable made down the Bed and turned in quite early

Friday the 30th 1863 finds me all well. did not rise very Early on account of the inclemency of the weather. Still raining this A.M. Eat Breakfast wrote letter. then went to Bed and lay there all day it Being the most comfortable place that I Could find during the day, was so Cold that could find But little comfort any where raind all day and part of the night no news. order for muster to morrow

Sat. the 31st 1863 health good as usual weather rather Pluvious this a.m. Cleared of aBout 9 called out for muster at 10. a.m. was mustered for the months of Sep't. and Oct. soon over all went of fine. nothing interesting in camp. 5 P.M. dressparade on the Color line By Col. Sheets. Brown Ad'jt made quite a Baulk for part of it to perform the 2nd time all quiet in the city no news of any importance in camp night got some lumber to fix tent &c

date.	drawn Clothing acct. for November.	dolls	ct
17th	two pair drawers. cotton.	1	85

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Sunday November the 1st 1863 finds health very good weather quite Pleasant to day Peace and quietude reign in camp this a.m. wrote a letter dress parade ordered at three this P.M. Sergt. called for guard to go to City for some prisnors 3 PM Reg't. called out on Color line formed open ranks Prisnors Brought out and the sentence read of general court martial. ordering them to Be drumed through the Regt. with half head shaved and an Edwin Bryan Co F. to serve two years in close confinment at hard labor the other James Humphrey to serve one year at the same. their crime was going out side the Pickett and Robing some Negroes of 90 dollars and nearly killing one their punishment is none to severe night went to City to Church heard a very able discourse from the 13th & 14th verses of 1st Chapt of Ephesians. the subject was very ably handled. returned to camp and went to Bed. Slept fine.

Monday the 2nd 1863 health very good. weather warm and nice. Every thing quite comfortable in camp Reg't. all on duty to day. or nearly so, some few sick and noncoms left in camp as a reserve

no news in camp of any importance commenced to make out the pay rolls to day for the months of Sept. & Oct. will Be paid soon all quiet in the City

Teusday the 3d 1863 up Early in good health. weather Clear. warm. Bright and nice. laid off coat rolled up my sleeves and went to work to put up Basement Story to our tent. put up frame. weather Boarded it up with some lumber that some of the generous Citizens of this place donated the other night. for that purpose. 5.PM dressparade By Col. Sheets. order read in regard to mustering in negroe cook, night went to city. to litterary Society in Basement of P.C. was very interesting to night in general

Wed. the 4th 1863 finds health very good. weather warm and nice. every thing going on nice in camp and the City. went to City. this am and down to Hospital no three saw T J Wiley and Aaron Rhodes Wiley some Better Still mending very slowly. returned to camp 5 P.M. dressparade By "Sheets" Capt. and Orderly Both gone. had to take the company out all went of very well night went to Bed. commenced to rain fore part &c

Thursday 5th 1863 finds health very good, generaly so in Camp, weather warm. But raining, rained nearly all day without intermission or cessation. Rendering the general aspect of the weather rather Pluvious. and the hill so slick that it was very Easy to descend But impossible to ascend again. some of the Boys on tight again to day rumors of our division Being ordered away. But there is nothing authentic aBout it. no news in Camp of interest all quiet in the City to day

Friday the 6th 1863 finds health very good weather warm & pleasant overhead But quite muddy underfoot. Reg't. furnished Picket guard and fatigue to day. am went to city. expressed Coat and some Books to New orleans to J. B. W. cost fifty cents, went to Capt. Forts office and lef some things there for A M Rhoads. went down to depot, and Saw Lieut. McClung. returned to camp. all quiet in the City. no news in camp of interest local or foreign

Satturday the 7th 1863 Weather Plasant and warm. health quite good. also good in camp first Brigade went to Black river this a.m. to relieve Gen. "Tuttles" division which goes to the army of the "Cumberland" or so rumored. this settles the question of our division leaving here for a while at least

Sat 4.30 P.M. dressparade on the Color line By Col. Sheets. Brown adj't. Protem. all went of well enough officers Sober. Mostly. no orders to Be read. dismissed and sent home no news to day of any import in camp

Vicksburg Sunday the 8th 1863 reveille at the dawn of day. up Early health quite good. weather fine, warm and nice. Every thing going on quite pleasantly spent the day in writing. and reading. order came to reg't. to send two line officers and ten non.coms. as privates to recruit for the reg't. order to Cap't. Dennison to Send one of the latter. 4.30 P.M. dressparade By Capt "Jones" Night went to Presbyterian Church heard a very good discourse by ——-

no news of interest Tuttles div. left to day

Monday the 9th 1863 — Health good. weather quite cool to day, or early this morning. turned of warm. Before noon and was quite pleasant the rest of the day. Brought up part of a Smokestack to make or use for a chimney to Cook shop no news of any interest in camp 4.30 P M dress parade By Capt. Jones. Brown act. adjt. all quiet in City.

Tuesday the 10th 1863 Reveille at dawn of day. up early. Eat Breakfast. Made preparations to go on picket guard. in accordance with detail received last night. 8t

A.M. call Beat for guard was formed at Reg'tl. head quarters inspected, then marched to Brigade head q'trs. Mounted, inspected and marched off, was sent with the detail. on the Jackson Road. went to ft. hill. was sent with a squad to fort south of the road, nothing of note took place during the day. came to camp for dinner. and supper. night So cold could not sleep. no news of interest

Wednesday the 11th 1863 finds health very good. heavy frost last night so cold could not sleep much quite cold this a.m. Soon turned of warm relieved at halfpast 8t returned to quarters. wrote letter. no news of note 4.30 P.M. dress parade By Capt. Jones. Brown act adj't. night went to city to church only moderate Sermon. &c two Brigade of McArthurs div. arived from Natchez. no news of interest

Vicksburg Thursday the 12th 1863 finds health as good as common the weather warm and peasant with some slight indications of rain. every thing quiet in camp. the rumor of going to black river seems to Be without foundation it was crockers. division that came instead of McArthurs. they have orders for black River. 4.30 P.M. dress parade By Col. Sheets all went off fine. night orders for review to morrow by "Logan"

Friday the 13th 1863 up quite early. feel fine. Eat breakfast Blacked shoes, and made preporations for the grand review at 2. PM time arrived Reg't. formed on parade ground waited some time moved off a peice then waited again finaly Brigade moved off was marched through city in colums of Co.s and to the river bottom two miles below the City. reviewed by "logan" and some of the other shoulder strap Clique. dismissed and marched to quarters. Eat supper. and went to Bed. Yes, Logan made his farewell address, &c

Saturday the 14th 1863 Health very good in common. Individualy very good also, weather warm dry and nice. nights a little cold and frosty. just cool enough to sleep good. Reg't. furnished guard to day pretty heavy, heavier than usual. no news of interest in camp. every thing quiet in the City. night to to the city to church, at Presbyterian payr meeting in the basement. room so crowded could not get in. so returned to camp disappointed

Sunday the 15th 1863 in good health, weather warm and pleasant the Band was sent for to Escort "Logan" to the Boat to leave for his command went down to the Boat. quite a concourse of people assembled Logan' made short speech in response to the calls of the crowd Rumored that Gen. "Sherman" had had a hard Battle, was over powered. "Sherman" killed and his army all cut to peices, But no credit is given to the report is not believed to Be true. by any. 4.30 P.M. dress parade By Col. Sheets, king A. ad'j't. night went to city to church, went to the the M.E. church. very good discourse. no more news.

Vicksburg Monday the 16th 1863 finds health very good weather a little cool this a.m. soon turned of warm and pleasant. nights a little to cool now to corespond with the day. and to Be right comfortable sleeping with usual amount of cover. 32nd Ohio. exchanged places. to day with the 30th Ills. 32nd goes into the second Brigade no news of interest in circulation to day.only rumored that "Sherman" is all right yet. 3.45 P.M. received orders to parade the company at 4. P.M. for reg'tl. inspection. 4 call Beat & reg't. formed. inspection all went of right.

Tuesday the 17th 1863 health very good. weather fine no news of interest in camp. none local or foreign all quiet in the city. 4.30 PM dress parade By Col. Sheets Lieut. King acting adjutant. night went to city to littirary society very interesting Joined society. But to no part received a small present. generous donation of the noble Ladies of Maine, went home &c

Vicksburg Wednesday 18th 1863 health very good to day as good in camp as for common. weather very warm and pleasant, for the time of year. Reg't. furnished Picket guard to day pretty heavy at that. no news of interest in camp. pay rolls sent to the company. with orders to be signed immediately Capt. and orderly gone. sent for the Boys, and had them to sign. sent for the cap't. to witness them. night all quiet. wrote letter then went to bunk

Thursday the 19th 1863 up at Reveille, all well. health good. in camp. Eat hearty Breakfast. weather quite warm and pleasant, with indications of rain soon. if not sooner. Rumor in camp that there had Been a fight at "goodriches landing" But nothing certain about it yet. no news of interest in camp to day. night went to city to prayr meeting. had a pleasant time and a good meeting. returned to camp feeling much refreshed. and well repaid. yes we had dressparade at four thirty P.M. Col. Sheets presiding. King adjutant Pro Tem.

Vicksburg Friday the 20th "/63 finds health as good as usual the weather warm and raining was very stormy last night, wind blew quite hard. Maj. Brown came out to day and paid the Reg't. of for the months of Sept. & Oct. But there Being an other mistake in the pay rolls, I did not get my pay this time. Capt. and Col. says have to wait till we are paid again no news of interest in camp to day

Saturday the 21st 1863 all well. health very good in camp weather warm and pleasant indeed. all quiet in camp. only about 20 percent of the Boys drunk to day

no news of interest in circulation in the camp Spent the day in reading and manufactoring rings. to send to friends. up north as memetoes of the War, drawed some new and turned over old accoutermnts

4. P.M. dress parad By Col. Sheets orderly and one private absent without leave

Sunday the 22nd 1863 finds health as good as common weather quite pleasant to day. went to city to Church at 11. a.m. went to the methodist. had a very dry discourse came home Eat dinner. spent the day in reading till four. P.M. had dressparade By Col Sheets, King adj't. night went to Methodist Church again had good discourse to night no news of interest in circulation

Monday the 23d A 1863 health good weather quite warm with every indication of rain soon resumed daily occupation of making rings. getting to Be quite a Business. after noon, commenced to rain rained all evening and all night heavy cannonading heard down the River. cause not known, perhaps "guerillas" made their appearance. a Brigade of "Crockers" division arrived. no news of interest in camp

Vicksburg Tuesday 24th "/63 finds health very good in the camp. all well my self the weather is clear. a little cool. and damp. spent the day as usual. making rings & reading & writing a litttle for pass time Reg't. had to furnish guard to day came an order to clean up camp for inspection also one from gen "Leggett" stating that the surgeon gen'l. had censured our camp as being un clean Cap't. on guard. the orderly gone as usual. I signed the order and returned it again. and gave orders. to have the cook shops cleaned up in good order

night. went to the city to the litterary Society debating was very good everything went of nice. resolved to have a Sociable meeting in the church 1st Monday night in Dec. to Promote the acquaintence of members

no news of interest to day. some Cannonading heard down the River

Wednesday the 25th 1863 in good health weather warm and nice. was detailed for guard. had charge of six men. and two men working under the sentence of Court martial. for theft. got a long fine was relieved at 4. P.M. very light guard quite lucky to day 4.00 PM dressparad By Col. Sheets Monroe adj't. presnt. did not goout as I had been on guard no news to day. night wrote a letter went to bed and rested very finely.
PS John English. of C. Company Started to Black river this morning in charge of some horses on the a.m. train was on top of a car, while passing under a bridge. was struck By a portion of the Bridge and instantly killed. his mangled remains was brought Back to the City. and intered By the Company. with all the honors of the Military. he was a good soldier, and well respected By "all"

Vicks burg Nov. Thur. 26th "/63 Health very good in camp weather warm and nice every thing quite pleasant. went to City to Presbyterian church. to attend the celebration of thanksgiving day very good discourse By the Minister. well suited to the occasion. all the services were very interesting and imposing in the main. the audience was very large. and attentive seemed to Be very much impressed with the spirit of the discourse But the Citizens dirived But little comfort or consolation from it went home feeling much repaid for attending on the Services.

afternoon 4 P.M. dressparade on Color Line By Col. Sheets Monroe, adj't. order from Gen. Sherman compelling all crts with the army subject to duty in the States to enlist or Be pressed in to the Service till further orders.

Friday the 27th 1863 in good health as usual health good in the camps generaly weather warm and pleasant in the fore noon several Boats came down to day. learned that two brigades of "Crockers" division went out to Black river or in that vacinity. after noon wind raised strong with indications of rain soon

4.P.M dressparade By Col. Sheets no news of interest in camp

Saturday the 28th 1863 health quite good. raining this this morning. rained all night weather a little cool to day A. R. Mathey. was Brought down the River to day. under guard as a deserter "Capt" got orders from Col. Sheets and went and had him released. no news to day received four letters. guard, all over town to assist all the citizens

Vicksburg Nov. Sun. 29th in good health and fine spirits very cold last night. ground froze some, and I came very near it quite cold to day. Reg't. on guard. wrote a letter to day so cold that I quit no news in camp of any interest Sit By the fire all day or the time I was not writing. all quiet in the City

Monday the 30th "/63 Health good. weather little cool this morning But soon turned of warm and pleasant. like to of frize. last night slept By my self. Boys came in off picket all right. afternoon Dressparade at 4. P.M. By Col. Sheets orders for Company drill from 8t to 9 Battallion drill from ten to twelve. night got pass went to city to the litterary Society. Business went off rather dull, adjourned till tomorrow night no news of interest in circulation.

Clothing acct. for December 1863

date of issue	Name of articles.	dollars.	cents.
17th	one government bnkt	3	80

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December Tuesday the 1st "/63 finds health very good in camp weather a little cool this a.m. some frost. But soon turned of quiet warm 8t a.m. Company formed. and drilled till 9. then dismissed. nothing more then till 4.P.M Reg't. formed for dressparade Col. Sheets in command

night went to the City. to the regular meeting of the litterary society. debate. Both animating and interesting. after the exercise was over adjourned with request for the members to remain for Business at this Juncture a messenger arrived and announced that Gen. Grant. had whiped Bragg. drove him Back 12 miles. took six thousand prisnors. and 40 peices of artilery. audience gave three hearty cheers for Gen. Grant. and then dispersed. Society arranged their Business and ajourned. no farther news.

Vickburg Dec. 2nd 1863 in good health weather warm and pleasant during daytime. rather cold and frosty at night to sleep comfortable with out aBundance of Cover. news of "Bragg's" defeat Confirmed By flag of truce at Black river. also by the arrival of Boats from up the River

first Brigade of Gen. "Crocker's" division arrived from "Natchez" this a.m. friend Stanwood came to the Co. went with him Back to City. went to 41st Saw John McPherson. in good health. Brigade moved out on the Jackson road. in direction of Black river. that supposed to be their destination &c

4.P.M. dressparade By Col. "Sheets" Monroe adjutant no orders. night went to city. listened to a very interesting lecture on India. Manors, Customs &c By Rev. Porter (15) N.B. company drill from 8 to 9 am By Capt Denison, no news of interest

December the 3d 1863 finds health good as usual weather warm and pleasant for the time of year. Reg't. all on duty to day most of them on guard. the remainder on fatigue quite a Busy time in camp some how or some how else. 7ths turn for guard. But their officers are all under arrest. for refusing to drill their men

David Rhoads returned to day from furlough. also four recruits came for the company. two Willeys, one Eskerage and one McCullough. no news of interest in camp to day Grants victory has Been strongly confirmed By papers to day great rejoicing in Camp. making preparations to reenlist all that want to go in for three years longer. think quite a number will reenlist. all quiet in the City. every thing going off all right now no news.

Friday the 4th 1863 finds health remarkably good weather fine. warm and pleasant Boys came in of guard, several of them gave their names as candidates for the Veteran Bounty. But no officer here to muster them out and in. rather a dull day in camp. no news of any interest. all quiet in camp & the City 4 P.M. dressparade By Col. Sheets Monroe adjt.

Saturday the 5th "/63 Health good as usual. weather warm and raining some, early this A.M. Company drill from 8t to 9 AM was detailed on fatigue to clean up company quarters. had squad of 8 men. soon done the Job up sque gee

commenced to swear in veterans. Merion Brown C. Stillhamer & St. James of K was sworn in lots of the Reg't. cant tell what per cent yet Capt. made me good offer to go.

4. PM dressparade By Col. Sheets. Monroe adj't no news of interest in camp to day

Sunday Dec. 6th 1863 Health very good. good as usual in camp. weather warm and quite pleasant. for the Season of the year. was detailed for guard. reported at 8t a.m. was placed in charge of one Corporal & nine men. for camp guard. got along fine untill dark one of the men played off. left his post without permit. no news of interest in Camp. Reg't. had dressparade at 4. P.M. By Col. Sheets. Monroe adjutant. no orders read &c

8t P.M. took the guard off. By order of Col. Sheets. with orders to put it on again at Reveille

orders came for the Reg't. to report at the City at 8t in the morning with two days cooked rations for Provost guard duty to relieve those on that duty for a Grand review. went to bed.

Monday December 7th 1863 up at revellie. put on the guard according to previous orders. of Col. in the Best of health. Boys all well as common. health good in general 8t am call Beat for Reg't. to fall in go to town for patrol guard. took camp guard off. reported Thos. Kite to Col. for leaving his post after being put on duty

by the Corporal. was excused from going to city today by the Captain. Reg't. marched to City. left wing sent back for guard to morrow

afternoon warm commenced to rain a little. night went to city. to the social gathering. had splendid time everything went off nice was pronounced satisfactory By audience Gen. McArthur was present. also quite a number of "Ladies" all over started home raining hard had Been some time. roads quite muddy after slipping & falling several times. sliding down and crawling up hills got home went to Bed and slept fine till morning had pleasant dreams

Tuesday the Dec. 8th 1863 up early in good health as usual weather cold, damp, windy, chilly and very muddy under foot. 8t A.M. the left wing was formed marched to City By Capt N. W. Dennison halted north of courthouse mounted. marched on the East side. and divided of. was sent to Capt. J. S. Curtigs. head quarters. in charge of 18 men. 2 cor'pls had post of men at guard house and post at the recruiting office. He Being recruiting officer for the City. quite a rush of Cits to get their exemption papers. mostly seccesh had 3 as prisnors that failed. all went of right. 4 P.M. went to camp for supper and and "Blanketts" returned. went to literary society had a good time. intlectual feast and quite interesting in the main. over returned to guard house all went of right reported a fight at Natchez took (800) prisnors rumored Meade took one corps of Lee's army and that "Grant" had captured Longstreets command that is all the news. and that is quite full &c

Wednesday the 9th 1863 in good health as usual. weather still cold and cloudy. quite chilly. got some little rest last night. and but little either did not lie down until 12 "M" office open at 9 am put on the other guard as we had taken it of post when they closed their office at 4 p.m. yesterday. was relieved at 10 a.m. gave instructions turned over prisnors. dismissed my guard and made for camp. eat breakfast and tried to make my self comfortable as possible word in camp today that "Meade" has fell back across the Rappidan again if so he ought to Be cashiered for doing so without first giving Battle to Lee. it would Be Better to get whipped than to Beat an inglorious retreat. some reenlisting going on today reported 50 ready to muster in. But the thing has just commenced. N A Gunn returned with 2nd Lt stripes on his shoulders is in Co B 110th Ills Jim Rhoads at camp looks well. no news today of interest in camp all quiet as usual

Thursday the 10th 1863 up quite early this morning in good health weather warm and pleasant. but somewhat cloudy 8t A.M. formed company for drill took it out. by order of Capt. drilled it half hour. brought it to quarters and dismissed it at 9 a.m. 10 a.m. call beat for Reg't. to fall in for Battallion drill. acted as O. S. regt formed marched off aBout a half mile took through several evolutions by Col. Sheetz. every thing went off nice. drilled hour and a half. then marched to quarters and dismisse

4 PM dress parade by Col. Sheetz Monroe adjutant order read appointed William T. Leaper drum Major ... Fay discharged to Be chaplain of 9th Louisana colored Regt. ... ... Miss. heavy artilery (Leib Col)

no news of interest in camp today. veteran enlistment stopped for ... ... Jim

Friday the 11th 1863 finds health very good weather warm. cloudy. pleasant with slight indications of rain. 8t A.M. company was formed taken out for drill by the orderly. but called in again to get ready for reg'tl inspection at 10

everything ready. time came Reg't. formed on color line. and inspected by Lieut. "Reynolds" Brigade inspector

every thing found all right. was dismissed. and sent to quarters

made up collection in mess of $4.25 sent to Div C. S. and got a barrell of Potatoes and fifty weight of flour

no news of interest in camp today 3.30 P.M. orders for no dress parade tonight. night detail for guard to morrow one sergt one corpl and seven men. all quiet in the camp no Blanks. Cessation of veteran reenlistment on that acct. all quiet in the City. went to Bed. slept fine.

Saturday the 12th finds health very good to day weather warm cloudy rainy at intervals Regt. up early ... ... working on the fortifications no news of interest in camp. Big horse race below the City Boys what aint on duty are gone there. Brought out my last jugg of Blackberries and had lots of Pies baked for dinner eat fine. Had good dinner

feel quite dull and restless today cant content mysef to either read or write. the weather is so gloomy that I nearly got the Blues Mr. Henline started to the river with the Body of his son But the Boat left him and he had to come Back. all quiet in camp also in the City

Sunday the 13th 1863 finds all right health good as usual. also ditto in camp. generaly weather warm and raining Boys in from guard. wet as drowned rats cleared of. towards noon. became quite pleasant. spent the day in writing. and preposeing an article for the "Pantagraph" to Be published under the fictitious name of "Abner Beeswax" if Published at all.

night went to City to church attended at Presbyterian. able sermon by the Rev. Mr. "Warren" from the words "Come for all things are now ready" discourse was interesting and edifying in the extreme. dismissed went home. no news today of interest all quiet in camp and in the great City. feel quite cheerful today. went to Bed at the usual hour slept fine and "had pleasant dreams ofhome"

Monday the 14th 1863 weather quite cool this morning. turned cold during the night in usual health. Boys all well. except S. A. Work who has been in the hospital for several days is now very bad. nothing new this morning Battalion drill ordered. then counter manded.

after noon 44 of the veterans mustered in for three years sworn By Cap't. Stu Donisman mustering officer. 6 not there. will be as many more as soon as Blanks can be obtained Boys ... in for the war and anxious to see the Matter through with 4 P.M. dress parade by Col. Sheetz "Monroe adjutant" order from McPherson putting companies all in one mess and forbidding cooking in squads every thing quiet on Potomac

Tuesday the 15th 1863 finds health very good in camp weather quite pleasant to day 10 am Reg't. called out for battalian drill exercises conducted by Lt. Col. Sheetz. acted left general guide. drill over went to quarters eat dinner then made a ring put silver set in it for my "Dulcenia" 4 PM dress parade by Col. Sheetz Monroe adjutant

night went to City to the Literary Society had quite an interesting time a debate on resolved that Education forms the Character of Man was ably handled By the two chief disputants the impromto debate, and the Magazine was very interesting all over returned feeling much better took four books and donated them to society rumored that the Reg't. will go to Yazoo City soon

Wednesday the 16th 1863 finds health very good. weather not so ... up early eat breakfast. raining commenced last night rained all day at intervals. wind blowed very had all day looked for the tent to go By the Board. rained in and through the tent got pretty wet made two rings for pass times and to while away the tedious moments as could not write or read with any comfort got mail. got a letter from "delta" partly dispelled the gloom and prevented me from having the Blues.

no news in camp of any great interest to any body or any one Else night quit raining turned Cold. went to bed rested fine had ... ... dreams of home and the loved ones left behind

Thursday the 17th 1863 finds health very good in camp weather cold windy ... ... Reg't on duty to day ... ... set by the fire try to read ... ... in ... ... to our ... Comfort might ... ... the ... ... Commission fired several members of Society there also some of the ... ... refreshment after ... ... to our several ... ... our Best wishes with him ... ... given us such a season of refreshment from the tedious ... ... returned to ... ... went to bed ... ... no news to day to veterans called ... ...

Friday the 18th 1863 in good health as usual weather ... ... cold ... ... to ... ... to cairo. Being ... ... furloughs to Be filled out at ... ... veteran ... ... & ... ... to ... up to cairo. ... from the 8th and 15 from the 17th started But some from the 8th came Back wouldent go under the regulations papers to day with Presidents message. like it very well. no foreign news in camp 4 P.M. dress parade by Col. Sheetz Monroe adjutant all quiet in the City and in camp in general

Sat. the 19th 1863 health very good. weather quite cold this a.m. detailed for camp guard reported at 8t a.m. had charge of 1 Corpl. and 8 men all went of fine. 4 P.M. Regt. had dressparade as usual. 8t P.M. took guard of and went to Bed as though nothing had Been the matter. slept fine &c

Sunday the 20th 1863 all well. up early put guard on was relieved at 8t am spent the day writing as usual. an artist out to reg't. taking negatives for photographs. By Company and individuals no dress parade night went to City to church listened to an interesting discourse by the Rev. Dr. Porter from "Joshua" 24th 15th Came home went to Bed

Monday the 21st finds health good weather warm & pleasant no drill to day. no news in camp company formed and neggatives taken for Photographs I did not go. for some ulterior reason of my own. that I did not choose to give Capt. did not like it very well. 4 P.M. dress parade By Lt. Col. Sheetz Monroe adjutant

Tuesday the 22nd "/63 finds health as good as usual weather warm and pleasant with a flattering prospect of rain soon regt on duty to day guard and fatigue night went to city to Literary Society held in the church tonight quite full exercises very interesting question for next night resolved that Capitol punishment ought to Be abolished I was chosen chief of the affirmative. no news in camp

Wednesday the 23d 1863 finds health good weather quite pleasant. warm and comfortable was to the city in search of news But they Being rather scarce down there came Back without any Boys came in of pickett all right every thing quiet in camp 4 pm dress parade By Col. Sheetz Monroe adjutant

night went to church listened to an interesting lecture on Hindoostan By the Rev. Dr. Warren. lecture was instructive interesting diverting and quite a treat to soldiers Dr. Warren was a missionary to Hindoostan for fifteen years. is well acquainted with the Country Customs and Manners of its people. came home with mind much refreshed went to Bed slept well as usual

Thursday Dec 24th "/63 in good health as usual weather quite pleasant. no news to day of interest afternoon quite a drunk in the Reg't. decided to have Christmas dinner for our men orders for no dress parade to night went to city heard sermon from the Rev. Dr. Warren. suitable to the occasion of Christmas eve.

Friday Dec 25th up early health good weather fine regt on a Big Bender. went to city found Cousin John Mc brought him out to dinner had very good Dinner Better than expected to have after dinner went to City. soon Became satisfied and returned to Camp But found it But little Better there went to Bed But could not sleep for the nois of the Drunken fools hope never to see an other christmas in the army

Saturday the 26th 1863 health god as usual weather warm and threatning rain Christmas not all over yet. some little drunk in camp this a.m ten oclock Reg't. called out for Battalion drill. after an hour and halfs exercise was Brought to our quarters. 4 P.M. dressparade by Col. Sheets an order for a grand review to morrow hope it will rain rumord our brigade goes to Corinth soon

Sunday the 27th 1863 finds health very good in camp weather warm and rainy commenced at 4 a.m. rained and stormed & stormed & rained till day light rained nearly all day Review Countermanded. dull times all day rather glowing orders for guard to morrow was detailed for pickett 8t a.m. no news in camp of major ... all Bosh. aBout leaving soon

Monday the 28th 1863 finds health good as usual weather little Cool But turned of Clear and quite warm an pleasant during the day 8t a.m. called out. guard mounted was sent to Jackson road under Lit. Railsback Co. C. Capt. Janes Co. B. in command of 8th Pickets had very pleasant and interesting time. plenty of Business all the time. had to search all citizens as they passed out. some Ladies got quite angry the thought would spite us by wishing to see the day that "Lee" would Be up north searching Ladies. But I informed them it was not in our power to console them with a speedy prospect of that event. thought they dident need any all went of right & quiet got some rest at night had good tent to sleep in & good fire

Tuesday the 29th 1863 finds health very good. weather quite pleasant. relieved from guard at 9 am came to quarters. found a mutation. papers for rations while absent on furlough had come Back approved. eat dinner. then went to the city. went to Capt. Welles office divis. C. S. drawed money to the amount of five dollars. loafed round town while then. came Back to quarters night no dressparade. went to the City to Literary Society spoke on the affirmative of the questions of resolved that Capitol Punishment should Be Abolished in Civil Courts lost the decision. a very large audience in attendance. quite a number of Ladies had a very good time generaly went home. feeling none the worse for being there though I did get Beat in the debate no news in camp worthy of note (William Miller returned to the company to day)

Wednesday the 30th 1863 finds health as good as usual weather warm and raining some little times moderately lively &c no news of interest in camp to day all quiet in the City.

afternoon rained and blowed and blowed and rained. the harder it blowed the harder it rained & the harder it rained the harder it blowed. night Still continues to Blow and rain Miles Stanwod came & staid all night with me. had a good old chat of or about old times. dreary, dreary, gloomy, gloomy times for Camp life or life in a Camp tried to sleep the Best I could which was very poor for there was three in a Bed. and the bed was very narrow. But we made it till daylight

Thursday the 31st 1863 still raining rose very late this am found my self. in very god health order for muster on company ground eat some breakfast and at 11 AM Company was called in and mustered for the months of November & December.

afternoon quit raining turned cold and snowed some ground froze very suddenly went to City to Literary Sociable not very many present. some Ladies, exercise very interesting was appointed one of the Judges on the debate every thing went off all right. and in splendid style. all over went home

air very cold for this climate thought I would freeze any way went to bed Slept quite warm

Thus ended the old year of "/63 and two years and five months of our term of service. and hard service too in which we was engaged with the rebs in six battles and one seige of forty seven days duration (vickburg) marched several hundreds of miles carried heavy knap sacks and lived on one fourth rations part of the time suffered much, and endured much, and yet the rebellion has not been crushed. large armies have been organized, equiped, and put in the field. much has Been done. many battles fought. many lives have been sacrificed, and much precious Blood has been shed in the defence of our glorious Country, and Government. we have taken over half of their Territory (or half the claimed) and have succeeded in planting our flag the stars & stripes, the Emblem of liberty in every, yet remaining rebel state. and our cause is still progressing, finely yet there is much to do. our army is getting weak, and must be recruited up. for the spring campaign. for now is the time to strike the death blow at the rebellion. to inflict wounds that will in time prove its Death. the Veteran

enlistment is a good thing I am glad to see it going on So very extensively. it will remove one great cause of apprehension. that is of being without an army next summer. at least one half of the old troops will stay. thus with the recuits, leaving us a strong army next summer. for in my opinion there will be need of one. for I can't see as this springs Campaign will end the war.

the rebellion though much weaker than at the first though much reduced in territory. and Moral and Military Power. is yet strong, can now Muster an army of (3.00,000) men, well armed and equiped, and this army backed By the Moral Power of (5,000,000) or (6,000,000) of People is not easy to crush out. and will not Surrender. after the Many sacrifices they have made, only as an alternative to save life. perhaps not this. for a Majority of the Masses of people, are led By ambitions, who care not for them, or their interest But would sacrifice thousands, if possible, for the accomplishment of their own wicked, ambitious schemes. then, let us rightly consider with whom we have to deal, and prepare to meet, a desperate, foe. with desperate means let us not underate our enemy, in point of strength, nor in the least depreciate his fighting qualitite no matter, if his cause is had, if he persist in it, and grows madly desperate, determines to die in the last Ditch. he will be hard, very hard, to conquer or subjugate, and will be as hard to conquer as though he were engaged in a better cause. this may Be the case with the rebs and will take time to bring about the glorious results, the object of the war. perhaps two years. eighteen months at least, the rebels, can hold out two years if they will. it takes time as well as Power, to put down a rebellion that has assumed the gigantic protions that this one has. and it will take time to end this one. the masses of the people must Be conquered other wise than with the sword, though the sword must not be sheathed, till the last foe has succumbed, this is the only appeal. to their army. But to the people we must appeal, with interest, and Policy, and By the sword convince them of the necessity of accepting such terms of Peace as we may offer. we must first demoralize the people. the army. will catch the Mania, and then will follow Peace. the President views the matter in a similar light. consequently his reconstruction, and amnesty Proclamation, this or a Similar Policy will have a good influence over the "Moral" Rebellion at least and we hope with the army, and the combined means in use by the authorities, will in time, end the rebellion, Bring peace upon a sure basis. that of universal liberty, not till the last slave is freed need we expect Peace, nor need we desire at least we aught not to. I believe the war is a means inaugerated and being carried out. By a wise and inscrutable Providence for the liberation of this oppressed, and down troden race. also a curse sent upon the Country for the toleration of that inhuman practice "Human Slavery" and I further am of the fixed opinion that the war will never end until it has fully acccomplished this glorious object. and I sincerely hope it never will. for I believe that it is God's will will that they go free. and that America be free in truth, in practice, as she has hithertoo Been in theory. the future home of the oppressed of every land, and Clime, the home of the true Christian, and all its concomitant blessings. though the war will end, in time, as sure as God is God and right is right, so sure may we look for the war to end. and to end right, in the accomplishment of its glorious object. to doubt this would Be to doubt God. it may end sooner than I have calculated it will end as soon as the People is ready for Peace. they are not now. But if it ends short of two years I am Satisfied, happily disappointed indeed. it is consolation enough to have the assurance that it will end in time. and that it will end right. I would Be glad, would it end to morrow and end right. But I would prefer ten years war yet and no more slavery, than Peace to morrow, with slavery. such is my abhorance of that Barberous institution. and such is my desire to see it. abolished. and that entirely, and for ever more. then let us hope, and trust in Him that ruleth all things aright, assured that in due time all will Be right never ceasing to use the means he has placen in our hands.

James W. Jessee

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acct. of clothing from 1st August to 31st Dec. 1863

date	articles	dol.	cts
21st	one canteen		
Sept. 6th	two (2) pair socks		64
Nov.17th	two (2) pair drawers	1	90
Dec. 7th	one government Blanket	3	60

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Date of issue	Clothing acct. for names of articles	Jan. dollars	"/64 cts

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Friday January 1st 1864 finds health very good. weather extremely cold for this climate latitude and country rather a dry new years day Some of the Boys tried to get up a breeze But could not make it drive, whiskey to scarce for very lively Business. glad of it.

order read co. co. from the war department, to the effect that Congress had passed a law doing away with all bounties except the ($100) Bounty after 5th Inst. also order from McPherson urging the men to avail themselves of the liberal Bounty now offered By the gov't. for veteran enlistment. no news to day of any import generaly very quiet in camp & City, nothing unusual at all. some snow on ground. very cold

Saturday the 2nd 1864 finds health good as usual in camp weather very cold & disagreeable indeed. wood scarce in camp. fires low, Boys cold &c Reg't. on duty to day guard and fatigue, fatigue reported, and was sent Back to their quarters, set By the fire until after we had devoured a splend pudding for dinner, then went to the City bought this Book, was all over the City. saw nor heard any thing of unusual interest, or extraordinary observation Capt. "Jte" came out and mustered in some more Veterans. Drake Shennessy & Hill of K. Co. Col ordered drake transfered to "C" Hill to A. no news in camp of any interest more than Noticed

Sunday the 3d 1864 finds me in very good Health also very good in camp weather some what warmer and raining some this afternoon rained very hard wrote letter, no news in camp to day of interest. under stand that the 14th wisconsin Reg't. started home to day as three fourths of it had reenlisted. Some talk that all the veterans will get furloughs in a few days hope they may. think I will wait till the 25th of July and take a long one. rained all night as hard as it Could Manage to do. did not rest very well, for some reason.

all quiet in the City at present. nothing new.

Monday Jan 4th "/64 In usual good health. Boys all well as common in camp. weather cold, cloudy, & raining at intervals, and By spells, somewhat foggy to day. inshort the general aspect of the weather Bears an unpleasant oppearance to a soldier in the tented field

great efforts Being made By some of the companies to induce the Boys to reenlist Companies C, F, B, and H. Beer flowed quite freely, great excitement. quite a number reenlisted. K. Company all cool to day none reenlisted. guess we will have fun to morrow as the officers have made up money to Buy Keg Beer

turned more cool this afternoon spit snow a little, some excitement in the other Reg'ts no news of import in circulation

Tuesday the 5th 1864 Health as good as usual to day. Weather quite cold and fogee Still freezing a little officers sent to City got barrel of Beer and Commenced work in earnest to in duce the Boys to reenlist. By talking and giving them Beer, got some to agree to go if three fourths of company would, got the number finaly But some got to drunk and spoiled it all By Backing out 5 was finaly sworn in S B Brooks, D Roads, G.P. McClellan, J Landis and S.A Work, night went to City to the literary society. was appointed on of judges all went of fine, was interesting as usual. came out to come Home found some snow on ground and the weather extremely cold for this climate all quiet in the City &c

Wednesday the 6th 1864 finds health very good &c weather pretty cold this a.m. But turned off some warmer toward noon thawed some got quite muddy under foot, yet it was not very pleasant after all. dont much like the cold weather they have down here in this climate.

officers look "sourcrout" at I and serg't Hazelbaker to day they say that we was the cause of their drunken squad refusing to Be sworn in yet if either of us done anything to ward influencing them to Back out we know it not tho like if that Be far from us

night cold and froze up went to the city to P Church

heard good discourse By the Rev. Dr Porter then some remarks By Rev. Savidge all very interesting. no news

Thursday the 7th 1864 in good health as usual Boys all in good health & fine spirits weather still cold, though moderated considerable since yesterday

Reg't. all on duty to day. on guard and fatigue, received mail to day got one letter, no news &c

Friday the 8th "/64 finds health good as usual weather still moderating some

orders came to Be ready to fall in at the beat of drum, to Be reviewed By Maj. Gen. Hunter. on Regimental ground. fell in at 2 P.M. stacked arms. But gen did not come

night went to literary festival quite number of ladies present. good supper, and a good time generaly enjoyed my self fine. nearly eat my self sick then went home and went to Bed. dreamed of Girls (at home &c.)

[the following entries are not in code]

Saturday the 9th 1864 finds all well. weather very cold this morning But moderated some during the day. No news in camp of any interest

4 P.M. dress parade on Color line By Col. Sheetz Monroe adjt.

night orders came to be ready to march at 9 a.m. with 10 days rations. But the order was not given to K. Company that is not the style of our self important officers. they never take any trouble to themselves to give the company any information that would Benefit them in the least

Slept very well except I managed to catch a very nice little cold. &c

Sunday the 10th 1864 called up at 5 a.m. with the startling intelligence that we had to march at 7 am. with 10 days rations. got up had roll call. got breakfast and was called in and stacked arms instruction to only take what we could carry pretty handy one or two blankets &c few cooking utensils

in very good health except I caught great cold last night

weather quite cold this am about noon got orders to fall in marched to river went aboard the Northerner. got good place. but had to get of to give place to some fine haired reg't. went on Board the Golden Era. steamed up about 4 P.M. mean filthy place on deck weather very cold wind up aBout 30 or 35 miles & tied up for the night got some sleep

[He returns to his code with this entry]

Monday the 11th 1864 finds us on Board the Era in usual good health weather about the same, did not make very much head way last night. started early this a.m. was detailed for guard. reported at 9. a.m. had charge of nine men, in the cabin a very nice place to stand guard

went very slow River nearly Blockaded with floating Ice. after fooling along all day. stoping for this and for that, night found us at or opposit Berrys landing stoped to wood and tied up for the night. aBout 80 miles from Vicksburg Captain of Boat very angry with the 8th said they were the meanest men he ever carried on his Boat 9.PM took guard off Cabin let Boys in to sleep. lay down about 10.30 P.M. rested very well.

Tuesday the 12th 1864 all well as common weather some warmer this a.m. moved up short distance landed took on some wood then steamed up the River, some five miles and hove to at Skippers landing to await the flag ship orders &c

9 AM was relieved from duty as serg't. of guard went a shore and looked around some. four companies of fourth Cavalry, & some negroe troops camped here. (Cavalry)

4. P.M. flag ship came up run along side of the Era the Gen ordered our (8th) Regt. to remain here and guard the Cavalry camp so they could go on the expedition

all went off very well to day made the entire distance of 5 miles to day. very surprising

night located myself in the Cabin, rested very well.

[code dropped again]

Wednesday the 13th 1864 finds health good as usual, the weather considerably moderated disembarked, waded out through the mud, and down the river nearly half mile & biouvacked to await orders, fleet started on up the river, the was left to guard the camp of the cavalry stationed here at this point so that they could take a scout through the country and cut of the retreat of the guerillas, infesting the River. very good place to camp, on the river Bank, plenty of wood already choped. Col. ordered a beef killed and issued to the Reg't. carried up some wood, made Big fire got some weeds, made Bed &c afternoon very warm, some prospect of some warm weather, night went to bed and rested fine &c

Thursday the 14th 1864 up early this morning in good health, slept fine last night

weather little cold this morning a very heavy frost ground froze and white with frost, But soon turned of warm and pleasant

no news to amount to much Col. Sheetz went out Bear
hunting did not come Back till night

the steamer Ben franklin was Brought up in tow, her Capt. and two Lieuts. under arrest and hand cuffed for supplying the Rebs with amunition &c. hope they will Be shot as their crime Justly merits it.

aftenoon clouded up and rained some. took our rubber Blankets and Built us a little wig wam, did not need it as it did not rain much, night clear. went to Bed, no news of note reported that the Northerner had returned.

Friday the 15th 1864 Revellie quite early this morning orders to be ready to get on the Boat at 5.Am. up early, feel very well, eat breakfast, and Burned our bed as we expected to leave in a very short time and would not need it any more, weather quite pleasant during the day spent the time in Laying around, and waiting for Gen Moltby and the Cavalry But they did not come.

Col. detialed and sent out a patrol guard to Bring in the Boys that was out in the Country foraging on their own hook.

night heard the cavalry was in twelve miles of camp would Be in, in the morning

went. got Some weeds for a Bed, raked up some leaves, got up some would, well fixed for the night. no news of any import in circulation

Saturday the 16th 1864 up early feel quite well this A.M. got breakfast made good fire sat down to enjoy the fruits of our labor when just at that moment the old drum sounded its familiar fall in Call. done up things. was marched a board the old "Era" with orders to not go of without leave. Col. had a heavy guard detailed to keep the Boys on the Boat and out of the Cabin, yet, not withstanding all of this extra precaution the Reg't. was soon off the Boat, roveing around, sitting By the fires, &c. thus we spent the day, waiting for the General the Col. had the Capt. to hollow "all aboard" and ring the bell for the same signal, But the Boys no come, for the knew that we would not leave untill the general came aboard. at noon he was reported in Camp, But But did not show him self near the Boat for some reason

4. P.M. Brought down a rebel Capt. and Lieut. and four privates and put them aboard the Boat. they Belonged to the 4th Texas Infty was on their way home on Furlough, when Captured By Gen. Moltby and Cavalry, the Capt. seemed to think the war had Just commenced.

5 P.M. the Gen. came aboard fired up and steamed down the river. landed at Lake Providence to wood But Could only get 3 cords droped down 5 miles and took on 25 more made detail from the Reg't. to assist in wooding, took till nearly mid night to wood.

did not get any sleep worth mentioning, set up nearly all the night very anxious to get home never was so tired of an expedition as this one.

Sunday the 17th 1864 in very good. was up nearly all last night. got But little sleep 4. a.m. steamed up and at 5 a.m. was on our way for Vicksburg. about this time commenced raining and continued so through the remainder of the day at intervals. 10 a.m. arrived at the City landed and disembarked and marched out to old quarters. found things all right and five letters awaiting my perusal afternoon weather still Bad. and very dis agreeable in the extreme

night commenced to storm wind very high rained hard I expected every minuet for some time to see our tent Bid us good Bye and go. made our beds went to Bed. and tried to sleep our trouble away. very good plan when it works But wouldn't go this time

Monday the 18th 1864 finds health very good, the weather clear, warm, and pleasant no news much in camp. not much doing of any kind

R.Q.M. ordered to repair his wagons, & to have his teams in good order. some say that the division is going to Texas, some say that we are going to Little Rock Arkansas, But my opinion is that we will stay herefor a while at least. I hope we will stay here for the next 6 months, and then I am free.

spent the day in writing arranging our kitchen, for our chimney fell down last night

day past of quietly as could be expected all things considered

night went to bed at 9 P.M. slept fine.

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J. M. Rhodes returned to company for duty

Tuesday the 19th 1864 in good health, up early. roll call at Revellie, eat Breakfast, orders to Be ready for inspection of quarters, arms, &c at 9 a.m. By Gen McPherson But he did not come. afternoon nothing much going on 3 P.M. Reg't. formed and marched to Brigade head quarters 8th and 17th was formed in half square, and addressed By Maj. Gen. McPherson, Gens. Dennis & Moltby on the subject of reenlisting. But I don't think they done much good

night went to the City to the Literary Society. was appointed Critic By the President, But Declined to serve society went off fine good debate &c on the repeal of ($300) Clause of Conscription Acts Magazine very interesting

Society ajourned returned to quarters and went to Bed. no news of note in camp

Wednesday the 20th 1864 Revellie before day. up early, in the best of Health, Boys all well in camp. Weather warm and nice for the season of the year. was comfortably warm all day. sun shone out bright and clear. Reg't. was called on for picket guard. was detailed for guard, but it was By a mistake of Serg't. Maj. So I was released for to day afternoon went to City, was at Capt. Forts office., Saw A.M. Rhodes. had a good chat. Said he had heard that J.W. Baylor was dead. But not right certain that such was the case.

Night Bright Moon and a Beautiful night. went to City to P. Church. listened to an interesting lecture on India By Rev. "Warren" By request of, and, for benefit

of "Literary Society" Large audience very attentive took up collection for Library.

Thursday the 21st 1864 finds me in good health as usual. Health very good in camp. Boys in fine spirits. plenty to do, plenty to eat, and plenty to wear.

weather very warm. to much so to Be right pleasant. boys come in off picket guard in due time & all right

order for Battalion drill at 1. P.M. one oclock 30th Beat us to the drill ground, was called out at three and drilled untill sundown By Col. Sheetz

orders for prize drill to morrow. for the "Excelsior" Banner according to previous orders of Gen. Leggett &c

mail came got a letter bearing the sad intelligence of the death of J.W. Baylor, a discharged member of K. Co. "8t"

order for guard, divided it up a mongst all the Reg'ts in the Brigade. ordered to send the recruits and awkward boys wrote letters till 11 oclock went to bed. Jim

Friday the 22nd 1864 Health very good. weather still very warm, and pleasant, times good.

orders to clean up brass, guns, accouterments, &c Black Shoes, Brush Clothes, and be ready to fall in at 11.30 for review, and prize drill.

11.30 Reg't. formed and marched down to River Bottom Below town where the 3d Brigade was formed, and reviewed By Gen. "Leggett" after which the Reg'ts drilled for Excelsior Banner forty five minuets Being allowed to each Reg't. to drill. the 8th first, the 30th, 2nd, the 81st, 3d, the 17th, 4th, and the 7th M.O last. all was very good. But think the 17th Best in the Brigade. two Cols. one Lieut. Col. one Maj. and one Lieut. acted as Judges But no decision was given on the ground. I wast left general guide of Reg't. all over was marched to quarters at dark. very tired. had to double quick so much in drilling

Saturday the 23d 1864 Health as good as usual in camp. weather warm & pleasant for the season of the year. warm and nice, as a May as in June up quite early this morning

orders to clean up camp & accouterments and be ready for inspection at 9.a.m. already 9. fell in and stacked arms. soon after Gen. "Leggett" staff and the Judges of the Prize passed through the camp. Gen. gave the Colonel. orders to have no roll call or dressparade, But to let the men go to see the grand prize drill between the champion regiments of the three Brigades which was to commence at 1 PM.

eat an early dinner and started for the scene of action Stoped a short time in the City.

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Pay rolls came this am with orders to sign them and send them Back immediately for pay up to the 31st of December. six months pay due me to this time

1. oclock P.M. Reg'ts all on the ground the 20th Ohio was deployed around the drill ground as guards to keep the Coast clear the three Reg'ts. passed in review.

and then the 78th Ohio was then Brought for drill, Champions of 2nd Brigade done fine. bully

17th Ills 3d Brigade was then Brought in. done very poor as they only had a squad from the reg't.

124th Ills was then brought in. their drill was splendid. won the admiration of all present, and the decision of the Judges. was then marched up the Banner presnted By Gen. McPherson, in a few brief and appropriate remarks three Cheers given By the Eclipsed Reg't. and then the vast multitude dispersed to their general abodes. many ladies present, Rumored we leave here before very long.

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Co J detailed in pioneer train. moved to day David Roads detailed for guard at the Paymaster headquarters in City. on extra-daily duty

Sunday the 24th 1864 finds all well Health good in camp as usual some Sickness But nothing worse than Pneumonia fever. But few cases very bad of that.

weather still warm and pleasant, as for the last few days, fine times.

9. a.m. company inspection By Capt. N. W. Denison. all right

spent the day writing, reading, &c [code begins:] sent a comunication to the Pantagraph for Publication in answer to Miss. Jessie. Blinds advertisement. for correspondence. [code ends]

Rumored through camp that we leave here soon, on an expedition in Miss. But no foundation for such reports.

4.P.M. dresparade By Colonel. Sheetz, Monroe adj't. was left general guide.

night went to City. to church had a very interesting discourse from Romans the 8th, 18th, by Rev. Dr. Warren

no news of interest in camp to day. Jim

Monday the 25th 1864 finds Health as good as usual. weather warm and pleasant. more so than could reasonably be expected at this season of the year. as warm and nice as our May weather in Illinois.

Company drill at 9.a.m. of 20 minuets in manuel By Capt. Denison

went to the City Saw B Philbrook, [code follows:] had the promise of the position of quarter master serg't.

on his staff in a few days, as soon as the place was vacated, the present one being a candidate for Promotion, and expects to get a commission in a few days. [code ends]

afternoon, made out estimate of clothing for the month of February 3.P.M. Battalion drill By Col. Sheetz, no good.

some more veterans mustered in still some rumors of marching soon But no orders yet hope they will excuse the 3d Brigade this time. no news in camp

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Night went to the Methodist church to prayer meeting had a good & profitable time

Tuesday the 26th "/64 finds me in the Best of health and in fine spirits. weather very warm and nice for the season, fully as warm and pleasant as yesterday was

at 9. am company was formed and had a short drill By Lieut. McClung, and at 10 was called out for Battalion drill. driled till noon By Col. Sheetz

Veterans signed rolls for pay talk of reg't. Being paid to day or morrow

Rumored now that our brigade will not go on the present anticipated expedition perhaps not the Division

4.PM dressparade By Col. Sheetz night to City to the Literary Society was appointed Judge for the debate. had a good time generaly "resol" the world is moraly improving was well debated by sergt Mills and Maj. Foote no news

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one of the 7th Mo Committed suicide to day By shoting him self in head Cause not known blowed top head off

Wednesday the 27th 1864 finds health as good as is generaly usual in camp, Reg't. &c.

up early this morning weather fine, warm, and nice, as spring

detailed for guard this am. it Being the 8ths turn to furnish picket reported at 8t A.M. marched to the Brigade head quarters. and mounted By the picket officer. was given charge of a corporal and twelve (12) men. & sent to the center division of the guards relieved the old guard, posted my men, and then sit down to take things as easy as possible, so to do, on picket duty

talk of the reg't. gettings some few green backs to day. hope they will.

the talk is now that the 3d brigade will not go on the present expedition, in course of preparation at the present time, part of the 16th Corps. came down to day & landed no news of interest in camp now

Thursday the 28th 1864 in usual good health. Boys all well as common weather very pleasant, indeed for the season of the year. minds me of our summers in our own dear old north land. the home of our youthful recollections. the home of our dear friends

got But little rest last night, was to cold to sleep consequently I slept till 8t a.m. was relived at 9 a.m. By the 30th Ills. went to quarters. got a leter from Ernst Graff, no prospect of any pay to day.

afternoon, order for drill at 3.P.M. time came, order was countermanded. on account of a detail for 80 fatigue men.

Saw the Col. no dress parade got permission and went to the city to see and hear what I could and that was But very little, saw some of the 16th Corps. all their Corps. coming. expect to march out in the country, was at Philbrooks tent QM tent

Friday the 29th 1864 finds me in good health as usual the Boys all well as common in camp &c

the weather warm and pleasant with some slight indications of rain soon hope it wont though if we have to march and I presume that we will in a few days

10. a.m. Battalion drill By Colonl Sheetz till 12 M. Eat my dinner and went to the 32nd Iowa to see some old friends. But their company is at Little Rock returned through the City. no news in town of any interest, to Be heard.

4 P.M. dressparade By Col. Sheetz Monroe adjut. all went of right

no pay yet. expect some to morrow or the next day 7th M.o. Paid to Day the 17th and 81st all got the smallpox will not Be fit to go on the march we expect orders in a day or two, to start. hope [code begins:] My detail will come before the Reg't. gets started. [code ends]

Saturday the 30th 1864 finds in good health as usual. the weather warm and rather nebulous. trying to rain all day made it out at night Staid in camp all day with orders for Battalion drill, or the Paymaster But neither came.

afternoon some troops marched out, part of Hulberts Corps fixed up some small packages to send to Bloomington By Mr J Wiley. Journel Book for one thing. 4.P. dressparade By Col. Sheetz. some orders read

night no news of interest only we are to Be paid to morrow sure. the anticipated marching orders have not come yet But we expect them every hour, raining very hard. wrote till late.

Sunday the 31st 1864 in usual good health weather warm and cloudy, strong indications of rain expect some rainy weather now. 13 Boats lods of troop came down last night and two to day, of the 16th army corps

9 a.m. company formed & marched up to the Col. tent to pay their compliments to Maj Brown Pay Master, and he very courteously returned the compliment with green backs.

I received six months pay and with clothing allowance amounted to one hundred ($118.25) eighteen dol's. and twenty five cents. went to the Adams express office and sent ($105) home. insured for ($2.50) night rained very hard and stormed a little to. no marching orders yet, But expect them sure soon, wrote some letters &c.

(issue)	Clothing acct. for	Feb. prices	1864
date	name of articles	dollars	cents
1st	one pair of Pants	3	65
"	one pair of Shoes, pegged	1	48
"	one regulation Hat.	1	68
"	two pair of Socks		64

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February the 1st 1864 finds me in good health "bully" the weather fine after the storm last night. very warm and pleasant

Reg't. had to send out a detail for Picket guard this morning one serg't. one corpl. and six men. went to the city, looked round But saw nothing worthy of note was in town all the afternoon Bought dollars worth of Postage stamps came out to the camp drawed some clothing

night orders came to be ready to march at one hours notice & lightly equiped, But two teams to the Reg't. and two days rations in the havre sacks, expect a hard tramp of it. Before we get Back and sore feet to kill, all right can stand it five months yet, any way, most. visit from S. G. Jones & M. Stanwood in good Health, from 117th Ills.

Tuesday the 2nd 1864 in good health as usual weather very warm and nice for the season of year. some troops came down to day landed and marched out Gen. Veiches Division. orders to not leave camp without the Col. permission nothing new or interesting going on will Be very apt to go to morrow night orders come to Be ready to march at 6 am. with two days rations went to the city to society had rather a dull time in general. quite cold windy and chilly to night no news of interest in camp to night

Wednesday the 3d "/64 Revellie at 4 am was up early eat Breakfast. all well the weather a little cool this morning But turned of warm through the day. at 6.A.M the assembly call was Beat the Reg't. was formed and marched up By the Brigade head quarters and out on the Balden ferry road the 16th Army Corps went the Jackson road, 17th Balden ferry road. after a rest or two and some hard marching we reached the Black River at 1.30 P.M. lay there till dark then crossed the River. and marched out some five miles and camped for the night. at 9.P.M. got some grass made a Bed and slept fine first Brigade came too, requested Col. for an officer to command camp

Thursday the 4th 1864 in good health as usual rested fine last night, was up at 4. AM eat Breakfast, and at daylight the army commenced moving. the 4th Division in the advance and the 3d Brigade in rear of the 3d division. advanced very slow had to fight for every hill. kept up a continual skirmish all the time passed over the old Battle ground of Champion hill, looked quite familiar, stopd here till dark then marched of quite Brisk to within one mile of Bakers Creek and went into camp at 9 PM after a march of 12 miles. the fences, Houses, and farms all on fire, quite a grand spectacle after night, made Bed eat supper, and laid down to get some rest, with orders to be ready to march at 6.30 am

Friday the 5th 1864 in good health up at half past five am weather fine, eat breakfast, and at Daylight fell in and moved off, the 2nd Brigade in advance of the Corp. the 3d next, 8th in advance move off Briskly to Bakers Creek, there the rebs opened on us with a Battery of three guns. 2nd Brigade threw out skirmishers, formed in line of Battle and commenced to advance. the 8th was deployed on their right flank, in line of battle and all steadily advanced in line of Battle fighting for and driving the rebs from every hill. thus we marched in line of Battle to Clinton through woods and over hills. reached Clinton at noon distance of ten miles. moved in line of battle nine miles, at 10 a.m. joined line with Hurlburts Corps lost several men from the different Reg'ts. 8th none. 3d Brigade relieved the 2nd aBout 4 miles Before we got to Clinton. 8th was not relieved. G. P. McClellen played out at Bakers Creek Before we went in the fight marched out from Clinton on the Jackson road to the grave yard & stacked arms 1st Brigade came up and went in the advance But soon halted to wait for "Hurlbut" to advance and cut off the retreat of the rebs to Jackson While here the rebs kept up a constant fire with their Batteries, Throwed several shots into our Brigade, and the 2nd. killed one of the 17th and wounded 2 of the 32nd Ohio, 3.30 moved forward. slowly to within 6 miles of Jackson then the 3d Division was filed to the right. crossed over to the road that leads from Raymond to Jackson. halted some time dark came and ended the firing on Both sides. then advanced to within one mile and a half of Jackson, and went into camp for the night, after a march of 12 miles from Clinton, making 22 miles for our days march was very tired and foot sore rumored that the Rebs had run from Jackson and left the Place and that part of our troops was in there now. this is the hardest days march we have made for some time. 22 miles 8t in line of Battle, through brush and over hills. made fire, eat supper, gathered some leaves, made a Bed and lay down to rest & dream of Battles, and of home Hurbut closed in on the direct roads.

Saturday the 6th 1864 Revellie at 5 am. up eat breakfast, good health as is usual in camp, in the Best

of health my self the weather very pleasant, though some indications of rain order to draw some beef and and cook it as we would not move till noon. fell in and then marched to the west side of City and went into camp Boys perfectly crazy setting the houses a fire, and stealing &c. has Been a nice place But is all Burned now nearly, State and Court Houses left yet

late afternoon orders to have three days cooked rations in the Havresacks and ready to march at any moment. turned quite cool.

Sunday the 7th 1864 up early this morning in the best of health. feel "Bully" generaly sore feet all right now. weather warm and nice splendid for marching, started at sun up & marched through the City down to the river (Pearl river) crossed on a Pontoon Bridge Built By the Rebs, and left for our use as they did not have time to destroy it being so hard pressed By our advance. moved out some distance then halted and waited for the 4th division to go ahead, and one Brigade of Cavalry. lay there till 11 am marched off quite Brisk for some four miles, halted, and stacked arms for a short rest &c up and gone again. passed A family moving west. marched on again a short distance and halted for an other rest. heard that the Rebs had left Brandon, and gone east don't expect fight short of Meridian, if we get one there. we have great times conjecturing where we are Bound for &c. some think it is "Mobile" some "Meridian" and some think that "Brandon" is as far as we will go. But I will not be surprised if we see Mobile before we do Vicksburg again. thats my think rested 30 minuets then marched on to Brandon, through the City, out two miles and went into camp in a pine forrest.

Making a March of 14 Miles country some what Broken
and hilly with now and then a rich valley, and sparsely dotted with large Plantations. But most of the valuables removed to safer points

Soil, valleys rich hills, of a red sand, composition and with ferruginious deposits secreted in small particles. But not very valuable. that is ostensibly so, &c

the city of Brandon located in rather a romantic situation on a range of pine hills. very nice Place for a rural town is rather scattering But has some fine Buildings, and is Blest with some very good looking "women" quite a treat to a soldier in dixie to see so many well dressed fair sex.

Part of the town was Burned some time last summer, and to day on our entering the City the negroes set the old Jail, & some other Buildings on fire. the ladies did not look very pleasing as though they were glad to see us. went to Bed to sleep and rest my Bones on a bed of leaves Jim

Monday the 8th 1864 in the Best of health this morning feel Bully, feet in fine condition eat Breakfast early got ready for the tramp

10. a.m. orders to fall in marched some half mile and halted Gen. Sherman staff and Boddy guard passed to the front. General looked in fine spirits. did not march very far till afternoon then moved off quite Brisk for a while then halted again. and so on till dark then we went it on the long strech step got into camp after a march of some 15 miles and stoped at a very good place to camp &c

the order of the march was the 4th division in advance, then their train. 3d division next, 1st Brigade in front 2nd next, 3d after then the 8th in rear of 7th & 17th the 30th Ills in rear of the train then the Iowa Brig. of 1st divn. then comes the 16th Army corps

the country was aBout the same as yesterday for the first five or six miles then aBout the same distance of an unsettled pine forrest, the tall trees towering their tall heads high into the heavens, dressed in their summer vesture as in to Bid defiance to old Jack frost & Bearing a proud air of gratitude to him the author of their existance while the birds from their lofty towers warbled their sweet notes of spring, all nature seemed to sing their spring lays in gratitude to the Great I. Am. while man, intelligent Man, seems to Be alone indifferent to the surroundings Beauties, while on a Mission of Blood, Bearing with him all the "Paraphernalia of war" fully equiped with the weaons prepared for the destruction of their fellow man. who would not weep over frail human nature

then we came to a richer country, with scattering Plantations Saw thousands of dollars worth of Cotton in flames, so goes old Jeffs Cotton loan, plenty of forage all along the road, cattle, hoggs and poultry, the most of it gathered up By our Boys By order. think we can live for some time in this country. traveled all day on the direct Road to Meridian But can not tell whether that is our destination or not, quite a tramp if so.

Tuesday the 9th 1864 in good health fine spirits and full of fight, and of hope, the Boys all in good health, some of them quite foot sore. up at 4.30 got Breakfast Before day light. could not eat very much, to early for me. 7. oclock a.m. assembly Beat fell in and moved out on the Road marched a short distance crossed a small creek, met seven rebel prisnors, who came in and gave them selves up, said they had Been retreating over a year thought they would quit the Business. Soon halted, and waited till the Pioneer Corps. went on and made some repairs on the road. fell in marched on some distance then met three more prisnors going to the rear. short distance, and then met two more. they all look well, and not at all displeased at exchanging the rebel Ranks for a Yankee guard, and their "Beans" or rather "Peas" and corn Bread for good wholesome food, and plenty of it, they report the rebel two divisions and a half strong, and still reinforcing from other Points and in tend to give us Battle at Meridian marched on into

the town of Morton and camped. fun to see the Boys make the hoggs, cattle, Poultry, and other household and kitchen furniture git, made the Citizens think we was going to take things generaly. the Rebs had Just left when we got here we had pressed them so hard, that they had to throw away their Blankets extra clothing and so forth, Judging from the amount By the way side took four more prisnors back from this Place. distance from camp to here seven miles Country dry and sandy soil, covered with "Pitch" Pine, now and then a Plantation, soil Poor, and rather rolling, is very romantic in appearance, and very Beautiful in fact is really delightful. no great wealth in this Part of the country, no men at home, the women are tolerable good looking, or would Be if they was looking at any Body But Yankees, they are inclined to look a little sour at us. Are Plainly dressed, in home spun, all chew Tobacco, in general their homes do not look very comfortable. nor the inhabitants cheerful or very intelligent yet one cannot Judge very fully at the first sight, or glance.

the Town of Morton is a small village on the railroad only a few houses, and very Poor at that was set on fire By the retreating Rebs to destroy their comissary, &c. But Part was rescued, some flour, and meal, women rather inclined to Be a fraid of us. guess they think us Barbarians or worse, sorry for it.

detail made and sent out to destroy the R.R. 7th M.o went from the 3d Brigade. killed a Pig and had some fresh meat for dinner. faired fine the Rumor is that we have halted, to wait for the 16th A.C. to Pass to the front, cant tell how that is. one Lady applied to general Sherman for a guard to Protect her meat house &c But the general was deaf. Said the Boys needed the fresh meat, and as they Brought the war on themselves, they must bear the consequences. Bully for Sherman

order of the march to day was the 3d Division in advance, 2nd Brig first 3d, 2nd then the first, then the 4th Division came next weather warm and nice. nights a little cool. Jim

night, we have now about seventy (70) prisnors here in camp mostly men that have given them selves up. Being tired of the war and its consequence. it is Rumored that our general here has Been informed By a scout that Gen Greirdon is in supporting distance with about twenty (20,000) thousand Cavalry, also that general Davis, has a large force of negroes on our left flank, if all this Be correct we have an army here sufficient for any emergency that may arise

the 16th Army Corps came up this evening and part of it passed out on the meridian Road.

the women here in this town all chew tobacco, and Snuff, and swear like troopers, are very ignorant

made Bed in a a vacated house Slept on feather Bed rested fine. Jim

Wednesday the 10th 1864 up at Revellie. eat breakfast in the Best of health this morning weather fine, warm, and nice, assembly Beat at 10. a.m. fell in and moved out on the meridian Road, moved very slow as the 16th Army Corps was in the advance, also, the fourth divison, made several long halts, for some unaccountable purpose, or other. But after several long halts, &c. Just after dark we came to the little Town of "hillsborough" which was on fire. the most of it Being burned to the ground was so dark could not see much of the City, or what was left, was informed that our advance had a Brisk little fight here at this place this morning. in which five (5) rebels as killed dont know what our loss was, in the affair But perhaps about equal.

moved out some thre miles further and went into camp about 11 oclock P.M. Distance traveled to day 13. miles was not very tired to night. our course to day lay in a direct northeast direction as our general course has been since we started, or rather north of East.

Country to day has Been for the first ten miles a low sandy Soil, very poor, covered with shrub Pine, and oak of different kinds, and is very sparsly settled only two or three smokey log huts the whole ten miles, with very ignorant, tallow faced, looking in motes, and no ostensible show of wealth or pride, such as is Manifested in other Parts of the state. seldom see a man at home the other three miles, was more high and rolling. covered with large farms, had a very good place to camp, though the water rather scarce, plenty of split wood at hand.

various Rumors in camp as regards rebel cavalry hovering on our rear, and flanks Picking up straglers maltreating them and so on, one is that they caught one of MePhersons scouts, cut of his ears, and nose took some of the 78th Ohio right in the edge of camp. said that our rear had just got out of Morton when the Rebel cavalry came in came very near picking up a squad of our men, who had stoped for some purpose, chased them to our rear guard, guess from what the deserters and prisnors say that we will get no fight at Meridian sure I dont care not very anxious for such fun now. Jim

Thursday the 11th "/64 in very good health rested fine last night slept till day light. got up eat Breakfast received orders that we would not leave camp till noon any way. perhaps then, and perhaps not. lay in camp till noon, weather fine warm and nice as a May day, afternoon rebels supposing that we had moved our camp advanced on us, one of the cavalry pickets killed one of their Lieutenants. caused some a larm. 2nd Brigade formed in line of battle supposing the Rebel cavalry would charge on the picket post. But all worked of right. was detailed for duty to take charge of a squad of skirmishers, to act as flankers to prevent surprise. squad from K. Co. Dunkle, Baylor, J. McCullough & Henshaw Just at dark we got under way. 3d Brigade in the rear of all. was deployed to the right of Road, and in the rear of Reg't. marched some distance passed the Iowa

Brigade then they took the rear, soon entered a swamp some four miles wide, and here commenced our trouble, the woods was on fire, the dry pines Burning in every direction the smoke settling near the earth in all most suffocating thickness, and smelled some considerable of tar. after marching and halting all night, waiting on the train &c getting no sleep at all, daylight found us some five or six miles from where we started, much tired and fatigued

the country over which we passed to night is not worth notice low swampy, covered with Pine & oak of various kinds soil very sandy

Rumored that the Rebs had drove in Gen Hurlbuts Picketts no news of interest. Jim

Friday the 12th 1864 alright But feel quite sleepy & much wearied. marched some five or six miles then halted for Breakfast made coffee, But before we got done we got orders to fall in and resume our march. Boys swore some But fell in, and moved of quite Brisk for a mile or so crossed a creek then an other swamp where the Pioneer Corps was Busy at work laying a rail Cordyroy Road for the train to pass over on. we passed on in the advance of our division, marched on up to the 4th division and halted and stacked arms for a short rest. after an hours recreation we again resumed our march for Decatur. marched of quite Brisk for some 6 or seven miles. another short rest and then on the road again arrived at decatur and went into camp at 7. P.M. wood and water plenty. Boys quite tired 8t miles Back sent out a squad to forage under Capt. Jones got some Pork, and beef.

marched to day aBout (25) twenty five miles, five or six last night. making aBout 30 miles, marched in 26 hours and that without any sleep at all, boys all stood the tramp "Bully"

the country over which we passed to day was similar to that of the last two days. first five miles very good country. some large farms, then comes ten miles of hilly, Broken country only now and then a small farm then comes scrub, & some low land, then hills But not so Broken, scattering farms with now and then a large Plantation with comfortable log house, Bearing an air of quiet ease, and comfort without ostentation, near Decatur we came to some nice Plantations all their hoggs, cattle, Poultry and Bacon was carried off By our forage Parties leaving the in habitants looking rather demure. timber is mostly Pine some oak mixed with it Soil poor, for "Illinois" But rather fertile for Central Miss. Bottoms very sandy, hills rather of a reddish clay, very good Cotton land But of secont for grain, plenty of water most of the time, and very good, prospect for a fight seems to grow more uncertain every day.

Rebel Cavalry made dash on "Hurlbut" train yesterday at this place and killed some (16) or (18) mules drawed five days rations issued three

Saturday the 13th 1864 up at day break this morning in good health. eat a hearty Breakfast of Biscuit and fried steak, felt fine after wards. weather warm and nice. lay in camp till ten oclock waiting for the 4th division and the Iowa Brigade to advance at ten we fell in and started on the Main road marched out a short distance passed the ruins of a house that had Been Burned the woman was imploring some Blessings on the Yankees marched on short distance and stacked arms, while here the rebs made an attack on our train But made nothing in the opperation after many marches and halts and at ten oclock at night we went into camp in the woods

Some fourteen (14) miles distant from Decatur.

the country over which we passed to day was aBout the same as it was yesterday. around decatur is some nice country, large Plantations then a stretch of hills for six or 7 miles, poor land with now and then a small farm, then a swamp and some rich Bottom land, a mile or two of hills, then we crossed the little Chunky then four or five miles of low rich land, with large Plantations, But the houses cotton gins, &c are all Burned, and the country nearly devastated. timber Pine and oak soil hills read clay with deposits of iron ore. Bottoms, loose sandy soil, and quite fertile for Central Miss.

water Plenty and very good some indications of rain soon Jim

Sunday the 14th 1864 in good health this morning Revellie at day Break. up eat some little Breakfast and prepared for marching. 16th train came up it and the 17th was correlled and one Reg't. detailed from each division for guard. 68th Ohio from the 3d Div. left all the sick and sore footed left there and ordered to report to the 68th for guard duty drawed one days rations, making on hand three days, which was ordered to do us five (5) days, at noon fell in and moved of quite Brisk, passed over quite a hilly Country with rich Bottom land. Between the hills small farms under Cultivation crossed the Big Chunky and then ascended a high hill and then marched around, on the top of

Range of high hills very Broken, with deep hollows, and Ravines, marched till Between 3 and 4 oclock and then halted to wait for further orders. all along the road was ful of felled timber cut By the Rebs, to impede our progress But this was soon cleared By the Pioneer Corps. rumored that the Rebels was on our left flank with a large force under gen. fergason waiting an opportunity to make a dash on our train. word came Back that Sherman had entered Meridian, the rebels evacuating and Burning the place, Before we got there. say it is 18 miles from here there, yet. marched a short distance came out of the hills went into camp in a nice field got some Board to Build a wigwam, as the weather indicated rain soon. every thing ready to fix for the night, orders came to fall in and advance marched some five miles further through rich Cultivated land some large

Plantation with fine houses. encamped for the night at 10. PM in a large field got some Pine Boughs, made Bed and went to rest.

Country over which we passed was high hills, and rich Bottoms. hills rocky, Bottoms sandy & rich for this country. their farms are all in good condition and preparing to plant this spring from appearance they did not much expect so heavy a yankee imigration this season. water plenty and good. weather extremely warm for this season of year.

marched some twelve miles to day. not very tired.

Monday the 15th "/64 up early, feel fine. weather warm, cloudy, and looks like rain, soon. fell in at 7. am and marched of right Brisk did not go far till it commenced to rain. one mile crossed a small creek. 4 1/2 crossed the Big chunky to this Creek the land is nearly all Bottom and in Cultivation after we crosed the creek halted in the woods a while rained as hard as it could Pour down. fell in moved on to Meridian over a Rich rolling country with some larg farms, covered with Pine and oak. now and then a nice "Magnolia" soil rather sandy, raind on us all the way to "Meridian" where we arrived at aBout 8 oclock a.m. after a march of 8t miles, the most of the way through mud knee deep. went into camp carried up some lumber. Regt. detailed for Provost guard, duty. had to move and leave, But was quartered in the Printing house of the Meridian Clarion. so we did not com plain got some turnips cooked them & had a splendid dinner. the Best since I left Vicks Burg. quit raining aBout 10. A.M. 16th Army Corps moved out this P.M. one division went north, for some Purpose or other. Part of a foraging Party that went out this afternoon was captured By a Band of guerillas hovering around, for the purpose of Picking up straglers &c.

7 PM. company formed and patroled around through the town for one hour, returned went to Bed, But was called up to hunt up some houses of Ill fame, found things all right returned and went to Bed. slept fine

Meridian is a small town at the crossing of the R.R. & is of no importance, only as a military point to the Rebels, and so used By them have Been Building large hospital Buildings here, and making this a Depot, for suplies, &c is But few inhabitants here, and they are mostly Irish women, and some fugitives from other states, are not much disposed to favor the Yankees By any means the Buildings are nearly all new one small hand Printing Press, that Published a weekly Paper called the Meridian Clarion. in short this is a very Poor place, as are the inhabitants, and very ignorant

Tuesday the 16th 1864 weather quite clear and warm to day, after the rain yesterday. Health very good, feel first rate 4th Division started out this morning went out south west. But was supposed to Be on their way to vicks Burg. nothing new or important. this morning troops moving in every direction, and a large party detailed to tear up & destroy the railroad

afternoon company called for to go on Patroll, Lieut not present I formed the company and took it out, divided into two squads one under sergt Wiley, took mine up to the Dipot. found some whisky in a house. went and Searched a house of Ill fame for some more But did not find any arrested two men for their impudence took them to the Provost martial took my squad and went in search of some more whiskey went to the house where I thought it was the women denied it. commenced to search. she then showed me a Barrel hid in the cow shed rolled that out then search for More. found two keggs more in the house took that put a guard over it then reported to the Colonel. he sent a team took it to his office. and delivered it. gave me as much as the Boys wanted to Drink But I declined to take any. was then relieved Being on over our time a considerable while. sent Back and got a sack of Sugar at the same place. also a sack of meal.

no other news of interest night weather turned quite cool still Burning some houses

Wednesday the 17th "/64 up early this morning feel quite well, weather very good went on duty at Eleven a.m helped to search some houses for Provisions Capt. Raymond was present at the time got one thousand lbs of sugar and aBout one hundred weight of flour. 5 or 6 Bushels of meal at one house. found one sack of sugar in the cradle. woman plead some, shed some tears But it availed naught. for our orders were imperitive after we had got all we could find sent it to head quarters then put a guard over the houses to prevent the Boys from carrying of the rest, or Burning them down every now and then a house would go up in flames no news of interest afloat

Thursday the 18th 1864 up early this morning in the Best of health. weather quite cool and snowing quite Brisk. air realy cold and freezing. company formed and went on duty at 11. a.m. went and stood on post my self at a house. was on two hours then relieved. went out visiting to Mrs. McCandlish, had a good old chat aBout the war. convinced the old woman of the error of the south said she would take the oath at any time if it would do any good or was required By the federals. she has two sons in the rebel army. 5 P.M. Company went on duty again went to an Irish shanty and sit By the fire the whole two hours of my relief. they, in company with quite a number of families are preparing to go to vicksburg

with the army quite a number of deserted conscripts are here waiting the return of the army to go inside of our lines. they report the rebel army much demoralized, and dissatisfied, and think that the Confederacy will tumble to pieces Before long. most of the vacant, and a few of the tenanted houses have Been Burned down with

all the Public Buildings &c some of the secesh inhabitants are much exaperated at the Burning of the town, while some talk quite Philosphicaly. some claim to Be union several expeditions have Been sent out to destroy the Rail Road to get forage provisions and so on. I think we will start Back in a day or so. part of the division train and Iowa Brigade came in this evening with rations no news of interest in camp Jim

Friday the 19th 1864 up late this morning feel quite well. had a late Breakfast was then detailed with a squad of three men and sent to guard the house of Mrs. "Myres" quite a pleasant place to stay as a [code follows] Blooming young widow lives there. also an other young married Lady whose husband is in the Rebel army house reported to be one of ill fame But it is all a mistake had a very good time. But little trouble orders to arrest every Body that comes around officers and all. weather quite cold to day. staied in the house all day had a good time with the women

night orders to Be ready to march at 6 in the morning. set up all night, bugged the young widow all night, just for the fun of pilling a secesh though she claimed to Be union. was Born in Ill. tolerable good looking (A L Edwards.) [code ends]

Saturday the 20th 1864 in good health as usual. Set up all night. was relieved at 5.30 AM. Bid our friends good Bye, and then went to the Reg't. fell in and soon moved off on the road we came in on. all the emty houses in town was Burned Before we left. quite a number of families started for vicksBurg with us, and others said they would like to migrate to the united states. But had no way of going. and an innumerable host of contrabands returned with us some with a mule load on their heads

late in the afternoon passed the 4th division and went into camp a Bout an hour By sun making a march of 18 miles to day. was some little tired

the Citizens of Meridian Manifested some joy at our leaving. was so glad to see us go. will Be glad to see us come Back Before a year. no news of note Jim

Sunday the 21st 1864 in good health. rested fine last night. up early this A.M. weather fine warm and nice fell in and moved of at 6.30 got along fine. marched off quite Brisk only halting now and then to rest. arrived at Decatur at 3.30 and went into camp in the East part of the town, or where the town was. Boys scattered in every direction, in search of forage &c. went in company with Hazelbaker in search of some sassafrac, had a tedious time in finding any But finaly succeeded. went to camp and had a good dish of tea. the 4th division came up and went on a head.

no news of interest in camp reported that some guerillas are hovering around &c. got some leaves and made a Bed. slept fine.

Monday the 22nd 1864 up early this morning. in good health as usual. had good dish of sassafrac tea eat a hearty breakfast. feet a little sore dont feel much like travel this morning

8 A.m Bugle sounded the assembly. fell in and marched of the Iowa Brigade in advance and the 4th division next. then the 3d & 3d Brigade in the rear marched off at a moderate rate all day. delayed some By crossing some swamp got into camp aBout 7.30 on a sandy hill side some what tired. nothing of unusual interest took place during the day. sent a detail ahead to over take the division train and stop some rations got one days for two. weather very warm indications of rain

Marched 19 miles to day. Road generaly good. forage a little scarce.

the rebels will not then Be Conquered. Will in all probability make the more desperate resistance to our further advance But in time they will, "Must" succumb.

now while we draw these Conclusion from the facts we have before us let us hope for the Better. hope for a more speedy termination. But how shall we hope to starve them out. No. our recent raids have clearly developed the fact that they have plenty to eat for a year a head without present crop.

shall we hope that they will become frightened and lay down their arms. from the Past history of the war we cannot hope for this for they wont scare worth a cent. if so, I cant see it.

But we can hope for a more speedy termination through the Reelection of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency of the United States this will Be the heaviest Blow to the rotten Confederacy. as it will strike terror into the leaders of the rebellion Convince them that the Policy of the Present Administration is going to Be carried out. and that the great Mass of People in the North give it their support and approbation.

and Also will carry the effect of the Presidents Amnesty Proclamation Direct to the Masses in the South, who will then have full confidence in the faithful carrying out of its generous provisions

this, and this alone is the Broad ground upon which to found hopes of a speedy termination

the reelection of "Lincoln" will certainly tend to shorten the war. his defeat will without a doubt protract the war. if this Be so then who can, or who will refuse to give their support, to the accomplishment of this great event. the Man that gives his influence against "Lincoln" gives it for the prolonging of the war. to day the rebels would prefer to see any other man occupy the Presidential Chair than A "Lincoln" they fear him Because they know him and what Better evidence do we want of his ability fidelity, and tenacity of Purpose than to hear the rebels denounce him

then let us all labor to secure his reelection, and all will be well and the war end in due time J.W. Jessee

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Tuesday the 23d "/64 in good health as usual, up early, eat breakfast and fell in just after day light, and marched out to the road. 3d Brigade in advance of the division. 8th in rear of Brigade. some 22 Prisnors turned over to Reg't. Co K. had to guard them. marched 5 or 6 miles and Past the head column of the 16th A.C. coming in on the Marion road. arrived at "HillsBurrough" aBout noon moved out a short way on the canton road, and went into camp K. guarded Prisnors all night. the last of our rations was issued to night from the division. one days ration. 8th has just two days to go to vicks Burg on. the rest only one. expect some hard times. delegation of Citizens on the increase Part (9. miles)

weather very warm Jim

Wednesday the 24th 1864 in good health. up at (5) eat Breakfast feel fine. weather warm and nice. detail of foragers sent out under Capt. Jones of aBout 20 men. at 7. am formed the guard and marched the Prisnors out to the Road and turned them over to the 2nd Brigade. waited some time for the Reg't. to come out then marched off on the canton road. Passed 4th division aBout a mile from camp 3d division in advance marched of quite Brisk most of the time and went in to camp in the woods aBout an hour By sun. Col. took a detail and went out to forage. nothing Been seen or heard of Capt. Joneses detail yet supposed to Be captured. may Just Be lost. the other Regt'l. details came in all right. with Plenty of meat. &c

gen Leggett went around amongst all the Boys to see how the was getting a long how much to eat, &c. issued an order to send 20 men & two com. officers out every day and to seize every thing they can find

the country which we came through to day is low level land, very Poor with only now and then a farm near the road timber mostly shrub oak. some Pine. Soil white sand mixed with Clay. saw no natives except Negroes. Plenty of Water most of the way. Roads very Bad in places marched very easy to day got our Blankets and knapsacks hauled all the way. teams all empty now. issued one half ration of hard tack and some sow Belly to night

Marched 16 miles to day. no news of interest reported the 16th corps went on the Jackson Road.

Thursday the 25th 1864 in good health as usual. up at day Brake. Eat Breakfast. grub tolerable scarce. weather fine But very warm

11.30 Bugle sounded the assembly fell in and moved of slowly. Roads very Bad. made slow Progress. marched 6 miles came into the main Canton Road. But Hurlburt, Being a little a head of us, we had to wait on him went into camp at 6 P.M. drawed some meal and sow Belly. found Capt. Jones and his squad. had Been very successful. Plenty of meat But little Bread. night orders to Be ready to march at a half hours notice. only waiting for the 16th to Bridge and cross Pearl river. Country to day aBout the same large Plantation where we camped. Boys all anxious to get to VicksBurg Some indications of rain to night

marched (6) six miles to day.

Friday the 26th "64 health good as usual. weather warm and nice. up early. But Hulbut did not get a cross last night had to wait on him. at 10.30 a.m. fell in and moved of very slow till we crossed the River. moved out and stacked arms at one P.M. to wait for the 16th to get out of the way. then fell in and moved of quite Brisk on the canton Road. went into camp aBout 7. P.m very good camping ground, with plenty of split wood and water handy order read this a.m from Gen McPherson forBiding any soldier entering any house, Burning any Building or foraging. except By order from div. or Brig. head quarters. and commanding all officers and soldiers to arrest all men stragling from their commands.

the country to day through which we passed was some what different from the last few days from camp to the River, 3 1/2 miles was mostly Bottom land & after we crossed the River Bottom land for a short distance. then high rolling land well cultivated most all under cultivation some very large Plantations with good Buildings now and then an a Bandoned Plantation growd up in grass. forceably reminding us of our Prairie houses soil tolerable rich. of sandy clayish nature

timber in the Bottoms oak ash &c. on the high land mostly ash

Road level and in splendid condition Colonel arrested some men and sent them Back to (K) to guard. got sack of meal in the opperation.

marched fifteen (15) miles to day. or rather in a half day. got some supper. made a Bed of leaves lay down and rested tolerable well &c Jim

Saturday the 27th 1864 in good health as usual the Boys all in good health. weather warm, cloudy with indications of rain soon lay in camp all day done But little Rumors of our forage Parties having some skirmishing with guerillas. regular detail made for foraging now orders to send all the sick and sore footed to Vicksburg, with the train that is to go in Soon, one Reg't. from each Brigade to go as guard 30th from 3d and to go home on furlough. no news of particular interest, &c. night, every thing all right. volunteered to stand guard for some reffugee women that camped with our Regt. for which as a recompense we received their thanks and smiles which was all we could ask. went to Bed at 12 and slept fine till Broad day light

Sunday the 28th 1864 did not rise till near sun up. in good health as common. weather warm and cloudy. had orders to stay in camp and Be ready to move as soon as

the fourth Division came up train started in to day with the delegation of citizens and Negroes. which was quite extensive aBout 150 families, & 5,000 Contrabands aBout noon Brisk cannonading was heard of to the north east. But Could not learn what was the matter

2. P.M. crocker came up fell in and moved of west short distance and stacked arms saw John Mc & Olen Stanwood. Both well. marched aBout a mile through nice country well cultivated. came to Canton. a small town on the Miss Central RR quite a nice Place. some fine Houses, and Boasts of a fine Court House, and several Churches. inhabitants look well. But a little sour as though they would rather it wasent us. But we cant help that. marched through town. out south some distance. then Back east aBout half a mile, and went into camp in a nice field. stacked arms & made a grand charge on a drove of Hoggs and got plenty of fresh meat to do us drawed another days rations of meal.

Rumored that there are two Brigades of cavalry, and fifteen thousand Infantry in the vacinity of our camp waiting to get some advantage of us By Pouncing on some of our foraging Parties, or working details think we will go to VicksBurg in a few days. Reg't had to furnish Pickett guard to night. strong guard in town to Prevent it Being Burned we Burned 21 Engines to day all right Jim

Monday the 29th 1864 in good health. up early. weather Cold, Cloudy, and drizzling rain order to Be ready to muster at 10. A.M went to work to make out muster roll. call Beat to fall in Reg't. was orderd to go out and tear up R Road Marched out aBout three miles and tore up half mile of track and Burned the Rails and ties, was relieved at 2.30 heard some cannonading aBout noon. marched to camp. learnd that the firing was caused By some rebel cavalry making their appearance in sight of camp. looks much like rain. train came up with rations drawed three days full rations of Bread and coffee. two days of meal orders to Be ready to march at 7.30 in the morning. made tent of our Rubber Blankets and went to Bed. raind some during the night Jim

date of issue	Clothing acc't. for name of articles	March "/64 dolls	cts
7th	to two pair cotton drawers	1	80
"	one Havre sack		
20th	one If'ty Coat.	7	00
"	" pair Pants.	2	50

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Tuesday March the 1st "/64 up at daylight. raining some got Breakfast, and Crawled Back in our wig wam. in good health Boys in fine spirits. think we are Bound for vicks Burg now. quit raining aBout noon. at one got orders to fall in. & marched through town and took the Browns ville Road. 16th Corps in advance Roads Bad moved very slow. marched till twelve oclock and went into camp in a large field. rear had some skirmishing with the Rebs Back at Canton. country tolerable level, moderately rich, and well cultivated Planters all making preparations to put in a Crop of Grain this spring But I fear it will do their army But little good as their means of transportation is now cut off effectively went to Bed at one oclock slept fine &c

= = Marched 6 Miles to Day.

Wednesday the 2nd 1864 in good health. feel Bully up at Revellie. eat Breakfast. fell in and moved off quite Brisk. division in advance. Brigade in rear. Marched two miles and Passed the 4th Division Roads Bad for three or four miles, then got quite good. marched very fast Passed through Livingston at 10. a.m Marched on out 6 miles then halted for some time waiting on the 16th A.C train. marched very slow, for a while some Bad Places in the Road moved off then and went into camp at 8t PM in a large field. water not very good wood scarce carried some rails half mile, the country from camp to Livingston was rolling, well cultivated, with large Plantations some fine houses, with a manifestation of Pride &c. Livingston is a small town 13 miles from "Canton" Boasts of four, or five fine houses three churches, one store, in its Better days one Black smith shop, and quite a number of smoky negrow huts. saw no white inhabitants in town on the west side is a high hill, the Beginning of a range of hills that extends along the Road for some three or four miles, with a extensive valley of to the north, rich and cultivated the road decends into a rolling country again all under cultivation and was in corn last season, skirmishing all day in the rear with the Rebs. kept up a constant cannonading all day. some on our left flank all day was close up at five miles from town, took one man Prisnor But But done no more. firing ceased at dark. drawed 2 days rations to night, to do me to vicksBurg for it is all we have with us. saw But few white inhabitants along the Road quite a number of negroes following us

from camp to Livingston 7. miles and from there to camp 10. making 17. miles to day (Jim)

Thursday the 3d 1864 up early. in good health as usual. weather warm and cloudy. our Division in the rear to day, and the 1st Brigade sent Back for rear guard. went out and fired off their guns. wounded one man out of the 7th Mo. not badly. left camp aBout noon. crossed creek. stacked arms and set a trap for Mr. guerilla But would not Bite. marched of quite Brisk. Passed through Brownsville at 4.P.M. a small village of 10. or 15. dwellings, one church, and a few old vacated shops and stores. marched till 7. P.M went into camp. in the woods country high and rolling soil Poor. mostly under fence. drawed quarter ration of hard tack But few natives at

home some tallow faced she males peeping at us
marched fifteen (15) miles to day Jim

Friday the 4th 1864 in good health up early. feel Bully. weather fine. order to Be ready to march in 10 minuets. Soon started division in the rear. Marched off Brisk came within mile & half of Black river at 11.30. stoped for dinner. crossed the River at 1. P.M. (teams all sent ahed.) and started for VicksBurg Marched Brisk for a while, then got up a race Between 2nd & 3d Brigades then marched Brisker. doubled quick aBout 8t miles and got into camp at sundown. quite tired and sorefooted got Big mail got 9. letters. Beat the 2nd Brigade a little found things all right Capt. Denison orderd to Springfield for recruits took St Jones with him eat some supper. changed clothes and went to Bed to dream of home and the galls &c. did not hear from Marsey
Marched 27. miles to day "Jim"

Saturday the 5th 1864 did not rise very early feel quite sore, tired, and not very well. eat some Breakfast. went and drawed some Clothing for the Boys &c orderly call. attended and got the Muster rolls to make out immediately. afternoon mail came. got letters from home money had not got there the 23d reported the fact, to the office here Said it would all come right or they would make it right. 16th A.C. getting aBord transport. some say the go up white River some up Red River. Rumor that the 17th will go again in a week or so, & the (6,000) veterans have Been ordered to Be sent home right away from the Corps. 30th Ills started this P.M Col. sent guard to hold their camp going to move there. 81st Playing same game. news scarce. weather fine to day. Jim

Sunday the 6th 1864 up early this morning feel quite well generaly Eat Breakfast. received orders to Be ready to move camp at 8 a.m. hour arrived. assembly Beat formed the company, Reg't. formed & marched over stacked arms, and went to work putting up tents and moving things over. Boys all mad not in a very good humor my self worked hard al day, and at night went to P. Church heard a good sermon By Rev. Warren, D.D.
weather fine though some slight indications of rain soon.
Rumors of an other expedition fitting out here to leave soon. some say up red river, some up white guess the 16th Corps will have to go the 17th stay at home this time hope so
no news of interest in camp to day things all right generaly. Jim

Monday the 7th 1864 in good health. Boys all well as common. in fine spirits &c worked all day in fixing up our tent cook shed and so on. drawed some clothing and issued it By order of Lieut. commanding the company. orderly gone as usual.
5.P.M. dressparad By Col. Sheets order issued and read giving the Boys the privilege of electing their officers if they would veteran "Big" efforts Being Made to induce the 8th and 17th to veteran. general ross offered to resign his generalship and Be Col. of the latter if they would veteran dont think the 8th will veteran
weather fine wrote a letter to day, one at night, no news of great interest in camp times lively. expect to Be paid soon all goes on quietly as common Jim

Tuesday 8th 1864 in good health. Boys all well weather warm and nice eat Breakfast. drawed a new tent and put it up. fixed quite comfortable now. 16th A.c. moved in to take the transports for red river. afternoon the Col. was ordered to report to Gen McArthur Reg't. detailed for Provost duty to relieve the 58th Ohio to go on the expedition sent a detail down. was not one of the lucky ones. so went to the city, went to Capt. Forts office saw Aran. had a good chat. come home to supper then went Back to the Literary Society. had a good time generaly. was appointed to discuss the negative of "resolve that Public opinion is a Just criterion to go By" at the next meeting Rumored that there had Been fighting at Memphis, also of a fight at Yazoo City. not much of importance going on now in camp (Jim)

Wednesday the 9th 1864 in usual good health times aBout the same. weather warm commenced to rain early in the morning rained till noon part of the time very hard. wind blew very hard. spent part of the day in writing and reading. no news of any great interest in camp. night went to the P Church to hear lecture But was disappointed. went to Catholic Church staid awhile and then went to hospital No. (2) to see my friend Greman, clerk there was accompanied By sergt Keenes had a good time left at 8t P.M and made my way Back to camp through the mud in the dark. went to Bed But did not rest very well some how or some how else.
W. A. Dunkel veterand to day. in K.Co. some still going in in the Reg't. "Bully for them"

Thursday the 10th 1864 in usual good health weather a little windy, and chilly, Rained some in the morning But soon cleared off and was fine day. sent detail to the City for guard duty. K 14 men 1 Corp'l. order to day to send all the veteran soldiers home in the Reg't. right away. expect to go in a day or two. P.M. went to the City to see what I could diskiver &c. was nearly all over town every thing flourishing. Business lively, and Plenty of the fair sex on the streets some very fine looking specimens a great many from the North officers wives, contraband teachers &c vast quantities of cotton of the Levee, mostly much hams, some speculation in that article going on in the City and some of the QMs are not the cleanest ones either report of our defeat in "Florida" creates some excitement & hope it is not so

bad as has Been reported in Papers (Jim)

Friday the 11th 1864 up early. in good health. weather a little chilly. wind high health generaly good in camp one case of sickness in the company Jas. Shannesy. took him to the Hospital. orders for inspection at one P.M. had to act orderly to day Busy all day at one thing and then an other. 1.P.M inspected By Lieut. Reynolds, Brigade inspector all went of nice. Reg't. ordered to report to Gen. "Moltby" for duty the 58th Ohio, having returned and took their old Place as Provost guards

5 P.M. dressparad By Col. Sheets reported the company. a detail for Pickett guard tomorrow. one serg't. and five men.

no news of interest going the round. veteran, and veteran furloughs is all the go now Jim.

Saturday the 12th 1864 in very good health weather a little chilly, and windy. was detailed for Picket guard. reported at the call at 8t. A.M. was marched to Brigade head quarters. guard mounted was assigned to command of Center division of the guard one corp'l. and twelve men got them Posted all right. every thing went of fine afternoon went into camp. "Lager Beer" flowing freely Big excitement aBout reenlisting. "C" and "F" have 3/4 of their companies. Carr in. K. and a prospect of some more tried me on But wouldent drive very much dont think they will get three fourths of the Reg't. though they may, yet. some excitement in other camps all going it strong on the Beer.

no news of unusual interest in camp or on the line.

Jim

Sunday the 13th 1864 in good health weather fine was relieved at 9. A.M. By the 7th Mo. came to camp. found things rather exciting. Beer plenty. considerable of intoxication in camp K Company made up their 3/4. J.M. Rhodes A.S. Baylor & William Miller giving the Ballance of Power. Co H. also "Veterans" at 2. P.M. "Leggett" made the Reg't. a Short veteran speech. to try and induce them to reenlist. used some very strong arguments. was down heavy on the cavalry. Reg't. dismissed had some little difficulty with G Welch he trying to settle it Pugnis et Calcebus. But failed. night went to P Church. heard an able discourse, By [he leaves a blank here, no name] returned to Camp all right. V Corman veteraned of his own will. lack 65 of 3/4 of the Reg't. no news of note Jim.

Monday the 14th 1864 not very well this morning was taken quite unwell last night

weather cold, windy and very disagreeable in the extreme.

Health in the company good except "Shannesy" very sick with "Typhoid Peneumonia" dangerous health very good throughout camp and in the City generaly.

times Pleasant. Business lively. money plenty, &c Lager Beer plenty in Reg't. shamefull degree of intoxication indulged in.

veteran enlistment going on slowly lack some 35 or 40 of 3/4 with Lager Beer, and Big promises wil perhaps make up the deficit number. though it will Be quite difficult

no news of unusual interest in circulation will not Be paid again till the vets return Jim

[on one line vertically through the previous entry:]

heavy detail for fatigue sent to river unload Boats

Tuesday the 15th "/64 feel some Better this a.m. weather still cold and chilly. very unpleasant

Shannesy much worse no hope of his recovery. given up By the M.Ds.

spent the day sitting By the fire reading law papers &c. and preparing some for the debate to night no news in camp of any note. night went to the Literary society. had a good time the debate Serg't Miller affirm Lieut. McCall Aid, Neg't J.W. Jessee aid Mr Puffs. after ocupying the allotted time was decided in favor of the Negative

question for next debate Rseolved that we have men Equaly worthy to fill the Presidential Chair with A Lincoln. affirm McCall. — Neg. Mr Buck. chose J.W.Jessee aid Passed a resolution to have another grand sociable, committ. appt'd. to make arrangements. society then adjourned no news of note night very cold

Jim

Wednesday the 16th 1864 up early this morning in good Health as usual weather cool & windy as for the last few days.

was informed of the decease of "James" "Shannesy" K Company died last night Between 11 & 12 oclock made arrangements for his interment. Notified Company Comdrs of the time of funeral with request to attend funeral at 2. P.M.

night went to the City attended lecture on temperance, By Rev "Fisk" at P. Church 7.30 P.M. good thing subject well handled and I hope to good effect, over officers & soldiers.

veteran enlistments going on very slow in the 8th Lager Beer, has nearly lost its veteran Power. lack some 30. or 35. But thy say the Reg't. will go home as a veteran. Rt

No news of any great interest Jim.

Thursday 17th 1864 in good Health as usual the weather some what moderated and getting quite warm again. health very good in camp and the City.

afternoon went to the City was in the reading room, and in the Library. every thing prospering.

grand inspection of the 1st Miss. Heavy Artilery A.D.

By a Capt. on Gen. Thomases Staff the Reg't. was formed and inspected as Infty. and made a splendid appearance not withstanding the prejudice so strenuously manifested against Colored troops By some good union men

5. P.M. Dresparade By Col. Sheets. Lieut. King act'ng ad'g't. nothing in the way of Genl. or Regt'l. orders

no news worthy of note the "Veteran" Business at a dead stand. "Lager" at low water mark. (Jim)

Friday the 18th 1864 up early feel Bully weather warm and pleasant. times fair. every thing quiet in camp. veteran enlistments played out for the present.

afternoon got excused and went to the City. was all over the place looking out for squally times Just ahead. Business of all kinds flush in the City mostly plenty saw ($13,585) Confederate sold for ($950.15) greenback Banker said Generals McPherson & McArthur had Purchased large quantities at his office at different times query what for

went to reading room and got (100) papers to take to the Reg't. for the Boys

5 P.M. dressparad by Sheets But I did not go out. excused

Rumored that our Whole Reg't. will got up the river and will Be quartered up there some place also that 3d division will go soon Jim

[on one vertical line:]

Generals McPherson & Leggett went up this P.M.

Saturday the 19th 1864 up early Health good weather warm with some indication of rain. 8t A.M. sent out a detail for Picket guard 10. AM rained a slight shower eat dinner and went to the City spent the evening in looking for what I could see. Col. called on all the Reg't. this morning to make one last effort to make up the 3/4 took a paper and went around himself to get the Boys to reenlist got some to agree to go if they could make the 3/4s

Rumored that the 17th A.C. is going up the river to Cairo, thence East after it recruits up some and furloughs the "Vets"

and I presume that such will Be the case from appearance of things &c got letter heard money got home Jim

Sunday the 20th 1864 up at the usual hour. in very good Health. weather cold, windy, chilly, and raining at intervals. very disagreeable state of the weather. rather singular for this Climate, and season of year.

succeeded in making up the three fourths of the Reg't. to the infinite Joy and profound satisfaction of the officers, generaly at Sundown the Reg't. was marched up to Gen. Moltby's head quarters made them a speech. thanked them for their visit then treated to all the whiskey, the Boys wanted to drink and after giving three cheers for the general & his veteran whis was marched Back to camp and dismissed

went to the City to the P. Church listened to a very dry sermon for one hour. then returned. no news Jim.

Monday the 21st 1864 up at the usual hour in good health as common. rained all night, or nearly so last night

weather cold, Cloudy, Chilly, rainy and very disagreeable to day went to the City to day and Changed Coats at division Q.M.D. returned to quarters. every Body in a big Bustle aBout going home and no Body doing much towards getting Started. guess the "Non Vets" will be turned over, left here or sent to Black river and formed into a Battalion, under some officers. dont know whether the assignment is Permanent or not. hope it is for I never want to see the 8th again, since things have so changed.

no news of interest in the City or Camp. night hard thunder and appearance of a Big Storm soon Jim.

Tuesday 22nd 1864 up early. in very good the boys all well as common weather clear and warm though a little windy. nights quite cool yet.

Reg't. preparing for their visit to the north land Some of the Boys still reenlisting. cant bear to see the other Boys leave them, &c

5.P.M. dressparade By Col Sheets Reg'tl order transfering the non vets. of company A, D, B, &E to the Comd of Lieut. J.B. Jones Co. D. and the "non vets" of C, F, G, H, I, K, to the command of Lieut. Otto Brans of I. Co. and to Be furnished with arms and camp and garison Equipage &c

night went to the City to the Literary Society had a dull time the society ruled the debate out for want of speaker on the affirmative.

no news of interest in Camp Jim.

Wednesday the 23d 1864 arose at the usual hour in Moderate good health weather warm and nice. nothing much done in the fore noon But talk and Joss around. afternoon noon was ordered to get ready to go to Black River at 3. P.M. drawed rations & guns, camp and garrison equipage and so forth. already at two the left wing, of the "non veteran" Indipendant Ill's Battalion, was formed under the Com'd. of Lieut "Jones" and marched out of Camp amid the shouts and yells of the vets who called us all the names they could think of. copperheads &c, &c. got aBoard the cars, and started. arrived at Black river Just after dark. got teams took our things out to camp. (Prospectively) made down our Beds and lay down to rest the night rather cold. all quiet in camp Jim.

Black River, Thurs. the 24th 1864 up late got some

Breakfast in good health. weather warm. call for a man from each company to go Back to vicksburg. after lumber and other trumpery Sent Serg't. Wiley. Commenced to work at our camp laid out the ground and Put up the tents as it looked some like rain soon got them up. went and tore down a old cook shed. got a team and hauled it over to camp commenced to rain before we got done. rained all the afternoon

5 P.M. Wiley returned on the train got some lumber. got a team went and hauled it to camp. rained nearly all night But not very hard.

Camp nice Place on a Bluff of Clear Creek. 60 feet perpendicular wood plenty and right in camp good water handy expect some good times out here if the rebs dont Bother us, to much Jim

Friday the 25th 1864 up early. in good health. weather cloudy, and wind high. got Permission and went to vicksburg on the morning train with Lieut Jones arrived at vicksburg at 11 A.M. found the Reg't. gone they got on Boat and left last night Col. for spite give every thing lift in camp to the Neggro Reg't. nigger guards as thick in camp as the hair on dogs Back. Couldent even get our own things without a pass. dont think Mr Sheets will make much By it.

got our old cook george Gibbs and wife and Brought them out with me at 3. P.M. arrived at camp at five P.M. 30th non vets came out on the train to Join our Battalion

Lieut. "Mercer" was still in camp turning our Camp Equipage &c will start to morrow taken "dawson" with him as clerk Jim.

[on two vertical lines over previous entry:]

Col took Beacher and Morgan with him and offered to take the rest of the non vets if the want

Saturday the 26th 1864 up Just in time to come very near being to late for Breakfast. in good health feel Bully. in fine spirits as a condemned "non veteran" could Be expected to enjoy out here.

Boys all seem to enjoy the Change remarkably well, &c.

went to work to day to Build a cook shed. arrange the kitchen affairs and to Regulate the Cook &c worked hard and soon got every thing in propper good order. are now fixed to live quite comfortable as the Boys was kind enough to fix up our tent while I was gone to the City yesterday

Rebel Pickets only four miles from the river. Jacksons Brigade of cav. camped at Championshill. all quiet here Jim.

Sunday the 27th 1864 arose at the usual hour. in the Best of health Boys all well & in fine spirits like our new camp very well. only objection, most to lonesome soon get used to that though

weather very pleasant & warm to day wind rather high in forenoon.

afternoon took a stroll up Clear creek in search of a Beaver dam that was reported to Be up there went up the creek aBout half a mile found where they had cut down some timber But their dam is washed away. plenty of fresh sign saw one just as he went under the water. they cut a tree down very nice. commence aBout a foot above the ground and knaw round & round the tree till it falls. curp cut quite even, looks like a small Boy had cut them down cut some down 12 & 14 inches in diameter &c no news of interest in camp Jim

Monday the 28th 1864 up Just in time for breakfast feel quite well and in fine spirits as usual.

weather dark cloudy and threatning rain heavy thundering commenced to rain while breakfast. rained as hard as it could do conveniently for two or three hours, then quit cleared up and was a nice day. sidney went to the city on the a.m. train day went off rather tedious

5 P.M. dressparad By Capt "Scudder" some pumpkin hed acting adg't. and dressparade it was too Beat any thing I have saw yet. and such music.

after dressparade was detailed for guard after two hours labor got the guard all out But (2) Lieut Jones marched us down to head quarters & was sent down to river as support to pickets worked till 12 night removing drift wood from the bridge to keep it from going down stream no news of interest But little sleep to night Jim

Tuesday the 29th 1864 in good health as usual Boys all well weather a little cool early in the morning But turned off warm and nice Before night.

was relieved from guard at day light this morning, as we was only sent out to support the Pickets in case they should Be attacted in the night Such an event being anticipated By our commander as the rebels are reinforcing on the opposite side of the river.

a Rebel Major, with his escort, came in with a flag of truce to make some arrangment aBout an armistice to last during the stay of our ambulances in the rebel lines they having gone out, with flag of truce to get some of our wounded at Clinton, and it was agreed that there should Be no hostile demonstrations on either side till after the return of the ambulances. and that the firing Between the Pickets should cease during this time of cessations of hostilities.

from the various facts gathered up it is evident that the Rebs are in considerable force across the river. and are reinforcing all the time. the question is now, whether they meditate and attack here, or whether this is to cover some other move. perhaps the repairing of the R.R. Destroyed By Sherman or a raid on the river I incline to the former opinion as comprehending their Designs &c

quite an amount of rations carried through the lines By Cits no news talk of taking the non vets up the river soon. to cairo or near. Jim.

Wednesday the 30th "/64 up early as usual in very good health. Eat Breakfast quite Early.

weather a little cool and cloudy this morning with some prospect of rain soon or sooner

got a pass this morning and went to the city on the nine oclock train. with permission to remain over night if I Chose to do so - arrived at vicksburg at Eleven A.M. went to capt. Forts office saw Aaron R. had a good old chat Eat dinner with him. then went to the City Hospital to see R M Wiley, a member of K. Company sick there took him a letter found him on the mend slowly But very low yet. with some chance against his recovery returned to the City. went to the reading room made a short stay. learned that there would Be a lecture or sermon in the Church at night returned to the office eat supper and then went to the church sermon by the chaplain of the 81st Ill's rather dry and poorly delivered returned and staid all night with A.M. Rhodes

reconsideration the 4th division train and the non vets of the division came in this eve, and are awaiting transportation up the river they expect to land 15 miles above Cairo. the supposition is that all the non vets of the Corps will be taken up there some where and camped to await the return of their Reg't. to the field when they will rejoin them again no news of interest all quiet in City Jim

Thursday 31st 1864 up at 6. oclock. in good health. feel Bully. eat Breakfast early then went to the city on some Business (or rather into the Business part of the City) spent most of the day in looking aBout town took dinner with J.C. Reeves. the ambulances and wagon train of the 3d Div. was on review to day passed through the principle streets of the City completely Blockading them. Big preparations Being made for the removal up the river every thing Belonging to the Division is to go up so soon as transportation can Be had 17th Ills turned their teams all over and are awaiting transportation. quite a change going to Be made soon the whole corps goes up as soon as the 16th A.C. returns to vicksburg from Red River, and they are daily expected now. two Boats came down this evening Bringing mail &c

Passengers report that "Forrest" had Burned "Paducah" and was now at Columbus with 7,000 men. the Papers Report the later also. Gen. "Bragman" had Been sent after him with an adequate force to drive him out of "Tenn"

afternoon wind quite high went to the Depot., at three PM was Just in time to get aboard the train to miss a ducking soon commenced to rain hard and then to hail some hail fell as large as marbles rained half hour then it Cleared up train started and in two hours we was at home or at the head quarters of Cornstalk Brigade no news all quiet &c. Jim

Recapitulations and Prognostications, "Read"

during the last three months affairs have Been progressing Remarkably well the Meridian expedition under Sherman proved very successful and, By rapid marches, fair weather, and much hard labor succeeded in accomplishing a great deal in the short space of one month. and that without much loss of life or loss in prisnors. not withstanding we penetrated 150 miles into the heart of the confederacy fought our way out and skirmished all the way Back and was opposed in our advance by an army equal to that of our own in numbers we succeeded in destroying some 300 miles of Rail Road, 27 engines, two manufactoryes of arms, one arsenal, with quite a number of arms of various kinds and qualities vast quantities of goverment stores, quite a number of Hospitals and other public Buildings. Captured any amount of grub and forage, also of mules and horses, and some (800) prisnors & Brought in some 13,000 15,000 Contrabands and about 500 reffugees, who had be come exceedingly tired of hungry dixie as some people vulgarily call the "Sunny South" Besides this all the country that we passed through to the East side of Pearl River, going and coming was laid waste. houses and towns were Burned, cotton, Corn &c Barns cotten gins and fences in reach of the Road on either side was nearly all Burned, and destroyed. the inhabitants that were at home submitted with Calm resignation to this Just retribution of their high crime against the Best government in the known world. But few complained, murmered or demured now and then the women tried the efficasy of her strongest weapon, her tears. But mostly in vain. for the stern Edicts of Military law are inexorable and knows no entreaty. in a few instances they tried the old Plea of "Im union and always have Been" But with as little affect as the other. we returned March the fourth Being absent 32. days during which time we marched 350 miles, and nearly all the time on short rations, over hills and swamps. the latter we had to Corderoy all over before we could effect a passage at all with our train on the hills road generaly good and from Pearl river out it was one vast range of hills covered with Pitch Pine Broken and divided By these Miry swamps, with now and then a small track of bottom land soil on hills poor. wont hardly grow Black eyed Peas. Bottom tolerable rich.

inhabitants very ignorant. all Dress in home spun hardly know that the war is going on at all, though they must Sorely feel the pressure in the course of time

Men all, or nearly so in the army, except those that are to old. women all at home very ugly, generaly speaking Ill bred, and possess But little or no refinement. all smoke and chew Tobacco and rub snuff. Coarse spoken and generaly can swear very well By note, &c and all there small farms are blessed with a large supply of worthless dogs &c

But as the country gets richer or you near these little

tows the scenes change. the people are Better dressed and more refined and are not so ignorant. the poor whites and the slaves are aBout Equal in point of intilect and freedom &c.

But while success was crowning our part of the Meridian expedition it was Being Checkmated By the failure of Gen "Smith" who was to Join us at that point with a large Cavalry force but who was repulsed defeated and Drove Back By the rebels in northern Miss. and this seems to all have come from the dis obedience of orders, in failing to start till the 11th of Feb. When he was ordered to start the 2nd though he was in a maner Defeated, he succeeded in doing some good, and in returning with a slight loss of men and armament, and carried Back with him some four thousand Negroes and Burned 2,000,000 bushels Corn. and added to Smiths failure is the Florida disaster, which will in a measure Counterballance all that Gen Sherman accomplished with the Infantry, as from rebel Sources we learn, and I presume that it is the case. the rebels are repairing the road destroyed By us, and even now have got the road in running order from Selma, to Meridian, and will perhaps repair it all this here summer unless interrupted By an other raid. so By Ballancing accounts, we find we are about even, so far this spring as our little expeditions in other parts have not amounted to much, one way or the other

except the expedition up red river at present which has so far proven a series of successes and will likely accomplish all that was intended and extend its Conquests to Shrievport in Texas. and where else or what else we wait for time to develop

But to Counter ballance this old "Forest" is up in Tenn. and K. playing smash with some 7,000 Cavalry. Rumor says he has already Burned "Paducah" and the Paper says he has Been threatning Columbus and had driven in the Pickets at that Post. we look with anxiety to the final result, and wait for the future developments of facts. Yet though we have Met with some sad reverses to counterballance our more complete victories here the Signs of the times are favorable the appointment of Grant the Lieut Gen. and the Commander in chief of the army speaks of active opperations in the east and the reenlistment of so many of the old troop, speakes loud for the future prospect of the war. the reorganization of the army, the Change of Commanders and the transfer of western troops to the east, Clearly indicates that Grant, is going to dislodge the enemy in Virginia, and to weigh the Mettle of Lee's army with his western scales, which is tried and true. that he will take Richmond, when he is ready none can doubt, that knows the man at the head of the army of the US

with all these facts Before me I see no reason to change my opinion as to the termination of the war three months ago I expressed it as my opinion that the war would last two years, and I yet believe that it will yet last two years from that time.

And it is my opinion that some of the Bloodiest and most desperate Battles of the War are to Be fought yet. But the location or time is a Mistery of time. yet I think one will Be in Virginia perhaps one in northern Alabama. the taking of Charleston and Mobile will have But little effect on the war either way.

the rebels will have an army of some 900,000 men desperate men because their cause is be coming desperate. and with this army they will make their most desperate enemy. if they should Be successful in a measure, who can tell the effect that would Be produced, upon the progress of the war. But if they fail and are defeated on every hand, as we all hope to see then they will have to fall Back Dig their last Ditch and Die in their Dens like so many ground Hogs. then will come the tedious part of the war, large expeditions far from the Base of opperations.

that the rebels (after making their cause a desperate one) will fight to the last none can doubt, that has closely observed the progress of the war from the Beginning up to this time they acknowledge they are out generaled, Surrounded and hemed in. in short they admit they are whiped so far as gaining their indipendence is concerned, But say they are now only fighting for their property. and their actions verify their words when they say they intend to fight it to the Bitter end. and that end will surely come in the Course of time. But only By slow and steady Blows. let every thing be done contiously, effectualy, and Permenantly, for we can much Better afford to take time to be sure, than to suffer the effects of a rash Defeat., even after the capture of Richmond, Charleston and Mobile, the Probable result of this summers campaign.

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Friday, April 1st 1864 up quite early in the morning in the best of health, and in fine spirits. Boys all well and enjoying them selves fine. discipline rather lax, and duty quite light in the corn stalk Brigade. enjoy our selves well

weather cloudy, cool windy and quite chilly for the season. seems as though spring will never come down in dixie

after Breakfast went over to the 1st Kansas to see My Brother in law (embryo [or embrys]) found him all right had a good old chat aBout Kansas, and old times staid till after dinner. then returned to camp found that we had received marching orders, or rather to be ready to march at a moments notice. suppose it is for up the river as I understand that we are Just waiting for transportation to go to Cairo. ambulance train returned this P.M. with sick and wounded from Clinton weather still cool & windy. no news Jim

Saturday the 2nd 1864 Health quite good. Boys all in the Best of health, and fine spirits seem to enjoy their present connection with the non veteran, indipendent Battallion of the celebrated corn stalk Brigade.

Weather cool this morning. quite a heavy frost. But it soon disappeared when old Sol. made his appearance, with a vivid glance of his genial Rays. turned off quite warm and pleasant during the day

took a stroll in the forenoon, through camp. was at the depot, Gen Dennis head quarters &c But saw nothing worthy of note. See no prospect of getting away from here for a few days yet

Rumored that Forrest had taken union City Tenn. with the 7th tenn. Cav Also that our army was successful at "Paducah" and repulsed the Rebs with a loss of 1000. loss on our side fifty none But Negroes was engaged

5. P.M. dressparade By Capt. Scudder went of fine. serg'ts went out in Com'd. of Companies was soon over

no news of any interest "Jim"

Sunday the 3d 1864 up at the usual hour the Health quite good in camp &c

weather warm and pleasant in the fore noon. no church to go to the day passed rather drily. wrote some and read some. to while the hours till noon.

after noon Mr. Shaffer from 1st Kansas paid me a visit had quite a pleasant "chit chat" staid till after supper. wind rose and was quite disagreeable indeed

5 P.M. dress parade by Capt. Scudder. reported the company

night no news of interest wind very high and every appearance of a storm. Just after dark it commenced to thunder and rain rain thunder and blow I looked for our tent to give way and go down the Bluff But it did not. rained for an hour or two then ceased for the night. no new preporation for leaving here Being made.

Jim

Monday the 4th 1864 in good health as common weather rather windy and chilly to Be very comfortable. got up this 8t am found the 5th Ill's cav. camped near us they having come in last night to relieve the 1st Kansas. S. J. Hazelbaker and J. S. Wiley went to the City today and returned on the P.M. train

R. M. Wiley who was left sick in vicksburg, died last Saturday night at City Hospital and was intered to day, in the grave yard here

spent most of the day in amusing myself writing a small poem of 20 verses. for future use if an opportunity ever occurs.

5 P.M. dress parade by Capt. Scudder all went of right. and smoothly &c

night. boys on a Big old spree in camp making so much noise I cant sleep so I set up quite late

9 P.M. orders came to Be ready to move at 6. in the morning say we will have to walk to vicksburg. all quiet now. Jim

Tuesday the 5th 1864 up before day eat breakfast in good health. at day light struck tents and at 6.30 fell in and started for vicksburg on walkers air line road the Ills Ohio and Wisconsin Battalions Composing the corn stalk Brigade under Col. Scott (68.Ohio) left a detail Back to load and Bring our trumpery on the cars after frequent rests, and some hard marching we arrived at the City at halfpast twelve. marched down the river some two miles. halted put up tents for the night everything in confusion. at dark the Mario Denning droped down and landed in front of camp. orders came to strike tents & go aboard. carried things on Boys went on just to visit them. everything in perfect confusion. no head. no Body to regulate affairs or Boss the thing made down our Bed and tried to get some sleep But did not amount to much. weather warm today. no news from any other place. Jim

Wednesday the 6th 1864 up early eat grub. in good health warm with indication of rain Before long. Commenced to load the division train a Big job everything in confusion all works rong heavy details But dont make much headway. Battalion all marched off to give room to work and to have the Boys where we could find them when we wanted a detail for anything after a Big Bustle got loaded Just at dark went aBoard made down Bed in cabin But had to go on the huricane Deck to give place for the Ohio Battalion

Gen Maltby came down to see us today. was quite sociable with the Boys gave Col. Scott orders to give us furloughs as soon as he got to Cairo said he would be up there in a week him self

Boat very heavy loaded Capt. refused to be responsible for things swung out. and steamed up at 11 P.M. run slow. nothing of note

Jim

Thursday the 7th 1864 finds us at some 30 miles aBove Vicksburg and all right. rained some last night. and is still trying to yet to day. But cant make it yet. met the steamer "Thomas" this am and at eleven passed goodriches landing met the steamer "Pearce" 5 miles further up met the "Superior" with some few soldiers on Board. 1. P.M. passed lake Providence. looks familiar as ever.

commenced to rain hard. got in a wagon Bed with a teamster. fixed so as to keep good and dry and a good place to sleep without Being run over

4 P.M. passed skippers landing run five miles up and landed to wood run up a mile or so. stopped again started and run all night rained all night did not sleep very much some how or other

making very slow time think we will Be some 8t days on the river hope not though. am not fond of riding as all that Jim

Friday the 8th 1864 up very late. in usual good health. weather clear. and warm. today. after the rain making some Better time today than yesterday

passed "Columbia" at 11 a.m. met the "Jaton" loaded with soldiers returning veterans I suppose. run up a short distance. landed to clean up the Boat and cook some men all ordered of with guns and knap sacks. so they could clean up and assign the Baths to their propper places. and get things in order. as I had a good place. I could not see it. so I staid on the Boat. kept busy making details to work on the Boat.

after a halt of some three hours the Boys marched on Board again steamed on up the river

Ills Batt. assigned the after part of the hericane deck the forward part. "Ohio" in the Duck Cabin

night all well. making good time. nothing very exciting Jim

Saturday the 9th 1864 up very late though in good health weather very cold and windy very disagreable on the hericane deck. no fire have to grin and Bear it. passed "Napoleon" at day light. run on up and landed at the mouth of White river. to wood. Boys went ashore, and tore up Jack cleaned out a sutler store in a short time I did not go ashore at all Col. Scott had some difficulty with one of the teamsters. had him tied up ordered to keep him tied to cairo.

after a stop of two hours we steamed up again. "Lieut Williams" Div. Q.M. and officer of the day had all the negro women put on the Bow of the Boat under guard.

Col. Is fraid of his life called up all the commanders of companies to talk to them said his life had Been threatened By Ill's Batt. if he heard any more of it he would put the serg't. Comd. Cos on gun Boat for another Jim

Sunday the 10th "/64 arried at Helena at day Break landed and put off all the Negro women, But two or three that had passes for Cairo. did not get up till noon. in good health as usual. weather warm and nice. at 12 met the "Sultana" some few soldiers aboard. at 2. met the New silver lake. heavy loaded with soldiers and government stores, at three (3) met the "White Cloud" and at 3.30 met the "Eagle" with five or six Barges in tow. all quiet on the Boat. as usual, no cutting up or dis order at all. drawed 3 days rations. some signs of civilization on the Arkansas side preparing for farming Ladies at every home waving their kerchiefs But I suppose they are glad to see us going toward the North if so they may Be glad to see us Come Back again some of these days. or we may come any way. Jim

Monday the 11th "/64 up early. found our selves tied up at Memphis, Just aBove the mouth of Wolf river. with aline of skirmishers deployed to keep us from going to the City Col. Scott gave some of the Boys passes to go to the City one squad got over wolf river gave three cheers for the Col. he came a shore and ordered the guard to let no more cross on the ferry Boat left an officer to Bring the Boys up on an other Boat. and at 8.30 we was steaming on up the river at 11 a.m landed to wood. staid some two hours and steamed on up plenty of wood along the river now and nearly all the farms near the river are Being cultivated this season

late in the afternoon Clouded up wind very high, cold and disagreeable. at dark commenced raining rainid all night very hard part of the time. all going on well. running fine all well. Jim

Tuesday the 12th 1864 up at 8t a.m. well as usual. weather tolerable warm. runing very well to day. 12 M. landed to wood just above the Mo. line wood in superabundance all a long the river on the west side

The inhabitants are very Busy in Mo. putting in their crop for the season. and the river Banks are lined with reffugees from the different part of the state. who have sought the father of waters as a kind of reffuge from the guerillas. this accounts for so much wood being choped this spring. at nearly every house the cheered us By Waving the hats, and kerchiefs. on the Tenn. side there is no sign of habitation or civilization at all. only now and then a farm under cultivation passed New Madrid and Island No. 10 in the night some time all quiet no sign of guerillas along the river Jim

Wednesday the 13th "/64 up quite Early. in usual health. Boys mostly well. some little sickness arising at the Ohio Batt. weather quite cold and chilly. passed Hickman, at sunrise all quiet there though rumor says some of "Forrest" guerillas was there yesterday. arrived at the City of Columbus at 9. A.M. landed found the City in a state of great excitement. Caused by the demand of Gen. "Beauford" to surrender the place By ten a.m. offering if the city was surenderd without a fight to take the negroes and send them Back to their masters.

and treat the whites as prisnors of war. But if he had to take the Place no quarter would Be shown. Col. Lawrence told him to come on he would fight first. the women and Children were all leaving the city and most of the men had gone in the forts to fight the L.M "Kennet" had Just arived and McAlisters Battery (B) taken of and put into one of the forts

all of the corn stalk Brigade that was armed was ordered to get off the Boat, with knapsacks & went ashore. stacked arms. some artilery firing from one of the forts, at the rebel advance. was soon moved to one of the raiload Buildings, and drawed some rations. also some whiskey. some of the Boys got drunk and a gay time we had of it all night drawed some rations as all we had gone up the river to cairo soon after we came ashore the Boat started for Cairo. some firing was kept up till near dark. Making us Believe there was some prospect of an attack. But from all the information we could gather, none But Bufords Brigade was near this place at all. if they come a happy time they will have and a warm reception at that

night all quiet to cold to sleep Jim

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Rumored that they are fighting at ft. Pillow and that the Place had Been taken By Forrest

Thursday the 14th "/64 in good health as usual Boys all well. and in good spirits

weather cold, windy and very disagreeable. Boys Just tearing up Jack in town to keep warm good prospect now to stay here for a few Days yet no news from Beauford, the Platte valley came down & landed. had aBoard some of the wounded, and dead from fort Pillow. some that were present during the fight give horrible accounts of the way our men was murdered By the Rebs Shot down after they had surrendered Q.M. 13th Tenn. was tied to his house and Burned alive out of 550 men all was killed But aBout 50. our Boys swear they will never take an other prisnor. night was moved up to fort Quimby so as to Be ready if they should come in to see how we was getting along they wont want to come But one time Jim

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lay all night without tents or shelter very cold did not sleep much to Cold

Friday the 15th "/64 all well. weather still cold and chilly, with a high wind went to town this morning in search of the news But I Could find But very little town full of Citizens come in to keep from being Conscripted in the rebel army. nearly all say they will fight if the rebs come here a thing not improbable as they are still hovering around this vacinity But our force is to small to send out scouting parties. no cavalry here. Drawed some tents and cooking utensils to day. tore down and Burnd some old Buildings in front of the fort, So the could not Be used By the rebels to sharp shoot from in case of an attack But little ammunition in the fort of any kind. Rumors of an attack on "Paducah" again. But it is hard to get the truth now at all. Jim

Saturday the 16th 1864 up late. eat Breakfast in as good health as usual. weather cool, cloudy, windy, and raining at intervals to the City saw some Citizens that witnessed the fight at ft Pillow, and confirm the previous reports as to the indiscriminate murder of our troops at that Place. one woman said she saw the Q.M. of the 13th Tenn. Burned they report that the rebs are all gone from there But where they will turn up next is a matter of time. perhaps here. fatigue at work to day on the fort. a spy was caught last night in one of the other forts. 2 more trying to get in. the one had counter sign the Big gun down on the levey has Been spiked in the last two days. there was no guard over it no rebs very close here. some our men out three miles saw none. all right in the forts Jim.

Sunday the 17th 1864 up Just in time for Breakfast well as usual. Boys all well &c the weather stil cold, windy, cloudy, rainy and Chilly. very disagreeable to be in camp. old ciizens say they never say such weather at this season of the year Before. was down to the City. most of the day. "Hazelbaker" got pass went to Cairo, after Cook. cooking utensils &c no news in camp or town of any note some rumors say the Rebs are in force some 12 miles. from here. some, only a few and some that they are all gone. so it goes

late in the after noon report said that they was in line of Battle some three miles from there. But it is very hard to get the truth now days took all the Citizens up to the forts to day. times very dull no news from any other quarter night very cold went to Bed early But did not sleep very well. hope to Be relieved here soon or sooner. Jim

Monday the 18th 1864 in moderate good health weather cold, cloudy, windy, chilly and raining By intervals guard detailed and put on round the fort with strict orders to let none of the Boys out without a pass from Capt. commanding the cornstalk Brigade But By some means the Boys found away out and was soon all up in town I went out three or four times Just to let him know I could, for the guard was put on for spite work.

some ladies in from the country report the rebs going south. they said that they was hemed in and would have to fight their way out, or do worse.

no other news of interest. the steamer swallow run the Blockade she was fired at twice with Ball

made the Cits all work on the forts to day. "hurt" a little

was up in town till late waiting for the crawford to come down so as to help take things up didn't come till after went to camp was in Bed Jim

Tuesday the 19th 1864 Health good weather Clear, warm, and nice, though a little windy in the afternoon. yet more like spring than for some time past "Hazelbaker" came down late last night Brought mess chest, cooking utensils &c. sent Brought down a kegg of Apple Butter that had soured some, and set aside By the Society Com'n Borrowed a Brass kettle of "Widow" "Hughs" cooked it over, and made quite a palatable dish of it took some to the widow, and gave her some coffee. in hard circumstances sure.

after disposing of my share of a good dinner went to the City for the news But found it rather scarce as none had come in from the country it is supposed old Forrest is in search of a more healthy location than it is likely to Be here in a short time reported that the 8ths non. vets will go Back to vicksburg soon. as the Reg't. goes there all mistake about Bringing us up here. hope we will go soon. alls well Jim

Wednesday he 20th 1864 in good health as usual Boys all in good health and having good times as could Be expected here in this Miserable out way Place Weather warm and nice in the fore noon. went out and Practiced shooting with a pistol awhile then took a walk through the great "Necropolis" near this Place

afternoon went to the city in search of J.G. Woertz, who is on a Big drunk. saw him. promised to come to camp right away and do his duty came at night dog drunk

Saw some citizens who came from Hickman they report that the guerrillas are plenty in section of the country. Capt "Hayes" gone to Cairo, to day Boys count on good time while he is gone. P.M. clouded up, and rained some But little excitement in town now no fight anticipated at present. Business very dull yet money scarce Jim

Thursday the 21st 1864 Health good as usual in camp weather very cold this a.m. soon turned off quite warm and By 12 M Clouded up, and was raining some at intervals. kept it up all the afternoon and all night morning went down to town to hunt up Woertz who run off as soon as got his Breakfast. Lieut Jones went with me. was in several dens dens, of misery. the "degredation" of which makes me Blush to think of. yet such places are plenty and "visited" By officers of high rank. and worse are Patronized.

Hazelbaker & Wiley went to Cairo to day came Back "report" 33d Ills, 45th, 30th and 32nd Ohio all Back to Cairo ready to take the field again. will recruite up But feel quite Blue, in view of the 3 years Just ahead of them and the 30 days furlough in the rear.

Rebels reported in considerable force at Union City some 20 miles from here guess all a Hum Bug no mail. nothing exciting at all here Jim

Friday the 22d 1864 up at the usual hour. in good health as common. Boys well and in fine spirits as possible, considering all the various surrounding circumstances

weather warm. But Cloudy and raining at intervals during the day in the afternoon went down to the City. 33d Ill's came down on and landed in a few minuets saw an old friend J. "Walden" had some chat Boys Just from home where they have Been on Veteran furlough look a little Blue over it now. if they had ever endured what the 8th has they might look Blue hope they will have a good time the next 3. years

night heavy storm came up wind very high seemed like it would Blow tents away. any how But ours remained steadfast rained hard

some particulars of the late fight near Pleasant hill L.a. By Banks army. some Mistery aBout first days fight. all quiet here to day Jim

Saturday the 23d 1864 all well weather cold, cloudy, windy, stormy, and rainy By detail. call for Pickett guard to day with 3. days rations furnished one serg't and ten men. Boys mad as wet hens. swear they wont stand But 24 hours. I don't Blame them no law for three day guard duty. went on all right. rained nearly all day and aBout dark Commenced to rain very hard. kept it up all night very disagreeable day for guard duty

10th Minesota landed here this after noon to relieve part of the forces here perhaps they will take our place I hope so and send us to "vicksburg" to cold up here for good comfort

But little news here to day no further particulars from the fight in L.a Smith cleaned them out handsomely. when he got at it

Forrest Reported in full retreat for Miss and "Grier son" after him no danger here now. all very quiet

Jim.

Sunday the 24th 1864 Health very good Weather cold, cloudy, windy and rainy very disagreeable for camp life. Pickett guard relieved at 3.a.m. But perhaps through a Mistake as the wisconsin Batt. has Been ordered to report to Cairo, and as we have received no such order we take it for granted that there is a screw loose some where perhaps a little to much whiskey at "Columbus" news scarce here now Forrest gone south for good I guess as we can hear nothing from him in this vacinity would rather he'd come here

heard that Lieut Jones has received orders to take the 8th non vets Back to "vicksburg" and will go to morrow or next day. the Best news we have heard from any quarter for a month would rather go there than home on furlough.

times dull here now there is But little going on here of any kind of Business all quiet here Jim

Monday the 25th 1864 up early. in good Health as usual weather warm and river clear all day. looks much like spring in Comparison with the last month reportd that Forrest is at Clinton some 20. miles from here with 20,000 thieves and cut throats. very doubtful. afternoon went to the City saw nor heard But very little

Lieut Jones Brought down the rest of the 8th with orders to report to vicksburg ordered those up in the fort to come down to the depot, & Be ready to ship for vicksburg. drawed five days rations made Bed and lay down. Just at that time the "Kenneth" came down and we received orders to go on Boarts. got things on a Bout ten P.M. and at 11 we Bid fare well to the City of Columbus and steamed down the river all in confusion went on hericane Deck made Bed and lay down to rest Some no news of interest in camp Jim

Tuesday the 26th 1864 in good health as usual. Boys all well as common Weather warm and nice clear and very pleasant passed Island No. 10 at day light and soon passed new Madrid. run on down all very quiet along the river trees getting quite green already clearly indicating the difference in the climate at Columbus and further down all quiet along the river no sign of any guerrillas. on eather side wooded once in the morning

passed fort Pillow Just at dark. But it was to dark to see the any of the ravages of Forrests last rade on that Place which resulted in the murder of the entire garrison and some Citizens who came there for Protection run on down making good time to day

made Bed and lay down to dream of home and its many comforts compared with our present fare Jim

Wednesday the 27th 1864 up early in good Health as usual weather warm and nice arrived at Memphis City about 2. A.M. lay down went to sleep again. slept sound till awakened By the Morning gun got up eat Breakfast Lieut went up in the City to get transportation to vickburg. had to lay here till 9. A.M Before we Could get Clearance from the Post. started at 10. run fine landed 6.30 at Island 58. wooded Marched the companies off for Pickett Steamed on down the river and landed at Helena, at 8t PM lay here some time. then steamed on down the river. clouded up and rained some little some what windy for a while no sign of any guerrillas on the river now all very quiet on Both sides

no news of any interest from any quarter Citizens nearly all cultivating farms along the river on Arkansas side. Jim

Thursday 28th up early in good Health. Boys all well as usual weather warm and nice getting quite Pleasant as we get south. met the swan this morning loaded with troops soon met several more with soldiers aBoard. did not learn who they were. at 10. a.m passed the mouth of white river and at noon we passed the City of Napoleon But did not land every thing looked quite flourishing along the river had a guard detail to day 4 PM we passed the small town of Columbia and short distance down met an Iron clad towed By the tug "Ike Davis" a little further down, was challenged to land By a Boat at anchor. took on two Passengers and Steamed on down run slow till dark then made good time Passed Lake Providence in the night some time was a sleep did not know when Jim

Friday 29th 1864 Health as good as common in the Batt. weather very warm. quite uncomfortably so on the Hericane Deck. passed goodriches landing at day Break run down and wooded on Paw. Paw. Island steamed on down passed Milikens Bend at 9.30 youngs point at 11. and landed at home at 12 made detail to unload the Boat. Batt. marched off. and searched for some stolen hats, But none was found. Lieut went and reported himself with his Batt. was ordered to camp on the old mill where we was camped next to the last time. came Back got some teams took out our trumpery, &c one of company F taken very sick sent him to the Hospital. every thing looks quite familiar. some rumors of rebels near here. Black river & haines Bluff Both evacuated By order of Gen. Slocum Comdg Vicks

Jim

Saturday the 30th 1864 Health very good in camp Boys in fine spirits as could be expected

weather warm and pleasant very much like spring weather trees all green. nature has spread her spring carpet over the earth and varigated it with many a beautiful flower

ordered to muster our Battalion to day commenced to make out the rolls rather a difficult task as all the Boys descriptive rolls are not here lay round all day waiting for the muster But as they did not get the rolls made out it was defered till tomorrow also have orders to move camp up nearer the works and further round to the left quite a change is Being made in the order of the camps all our Brigade is to Be moved to this part of the works

Colored troops all on the move too Gen Slocum, is over hauling all the departments here I say Bully for him Rumored that Gen Dennis is under arrest for sending flour to the rebs. Jim

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night clouded up and rained some

(date of issue)	Clothing acct. for May name of Articles	1864 Dols	cents
8th	one Pair of sewed shoes	1	05
"	two Pairs of Socks		64
29th	to one Blouse	2	45

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May the 1st "Sun" 1864 up early this morning in very good health Boys all in fine spirits the weather warm and pleasant times very dull. Boys all out of money waited till noon for muster "Lieut" then said we could consider our selves as mustered

Then took a stroll round through the hills visited the City grave yard and accidently heard a part of two sermons the latter was delivered to a Colored audience saw my old friend A.M. R. had quite a pleasant interview. after spending sometime in passing through the grave yard returned to camp. this is quite a place of resort for City gents and "Ladies"

night went to the City to Church attended P. Ch. heard a good discourse By the Rev. D. Warren. after which we returned to camp Vicks burg is now lighted up with gas, making quite a change in the general appearance &c

Rumored that the rebels crossed Black river yesterday 12,000 strong also that gen Steele had Been defeated. doubt full Jim

Monday the 2nd 1864 finds all well Boys in fine spirits weather very warm, though quite pleasant vegetation growing very fast now "strawberries" getting ripe. But have not been able to obtain any as yet But think of hunting some as soon as we move camp

124th and 17th moved camp to day dont know when we will have not received any definite orders yet. But think we will move to morrow

went to the City this morning some excitement over the news of the surrender of "Plymouth" N.C. hope it is not as Bad as is now publicly reported in the Papers hope soon to hear of a grand move of the Potomac army and a victory that will make up for the red river disaster and the N.C. affair and may it come soon

some more of the Boys came down to day Rimsley from furlough and some from french leaves all very quiet here now no news from the Rebs to day. guess they are not very plenty in any reasonable distance of here Jim

Tuesday the 3d 1864 Health good as usual in camp the weather warm and clear

making preparations here to send out an expedition in to the country supposed to Be to Jackson or in that vacinity the 72nd and 124th Ills have marching orders with ten days rations also some negro Regts are going on the expedition. what other white Reg'ts go I have not learned or who will command the expedition but perhaps Gen. "McArthur" will command.

afternoon furnished a detail of four "non" "coms" and 20. men to relieve the Pickets of the 124th Ills.

night went to the City to the Literary Society the question resolved that conscience is the Product of education was ably discussed By Dr Warren Affir. Capt. Moore neg. and was decided in favor of the negative after Business meeting went to camp

furnished detail of serg't. and five men guard at Moltbys head quarters permanant detail all quiet in City Jim

Wednesday 4th 1864 up early as usual in good health in fine spirits all things well considered

weather very warm, though quite pleasant in the shade. which the nice "Pine" and "Cedar" trees of Mr Peters yard furnish in super abundance with plenty of good cistern water at hand

spent the day in reading some and composing a short Poem for special purpose. also made a ring and gave it to Mr "Kendall's" little girl as a memento of the war, and the Yankee soldiers

expedition started out early A.m under Gen. McArthur rumored that they had had a fight and taken some few prisnors hope it is so

late this afternoon was detailed for Picket guard. was not my turn But had to go. was dark Before got started ordered to report to the officer on the Jackson Road. had great difficulty in getting the men posted as the ground and Posts was all new to me But I finaly succeeded. then lay down went to sleep Jim

Thursday 5th 1864 Health good. up late had no Breakfast did not feel like going to camp for it. all right on post this morning. nothing took place last night worthy of note. no regularity or system aBout the guard here at all. the officer of the day never comes around nor the officer of the guard either

went into camp for dinner and found the Boys moving camp moved into an orchard Between the 124th and the "grave yard" avery good place to camp near a house with plenty of cistern water, close at hand. hope it wont fail this summer. helped to put up the tent. got some dinner and went Back to the post. feel Bad. got head ache the worst kind and feel quite feverish

was relieved just Before sun down, By the 7th Mo. went to quarters

furnished guard to relieve the 17th Ills. also a permenant detail for the "Pay master's" department. night all quiet. feel much Better. Jim

Friday the 6th 1864 in good health as usual Boys generaly in good health and in the Best of spirits, as time passes on

Weather clear and warm sun very hot and sultry where no air is stiring. But in the shade where there is a breeze it is quite comfortable.

times good here now every thing progressing quite lively. Business flush though money is getting rather skearse, around these ere diggins now

Heavy details made from the negro Reg'ts to work on the fortifications here which every day assumes more formidable appearance Surely this will Be the strongest military Post in the united States when finished

Several pay masters here now distributing green backs

a mongst uncle sam's Children a prospect of the cornstalk Batt. coming in for a share in a few days. hope so. we sent out detail of guard to stand till day after to morrow morning. news rather scarce none from the expedition. Jim

Saturday the 7th 1864 up early this morning in the Best of health and spirits feel fine generaly went to Branch to good wash and Eat Breakfast at the usual hour

weather clear and warm this morning. spent all the day in reading had a variety of literature to engage my attention. and as I am here fast and cant go to the City, am forced to Be content to confine my opperations to the limits of the camp hoping that our generous old, "Uncle Sam" will soon come round with a supply of Shoe leather for his Brave Sons

every thing indicates good time for the soldiers that remain here this summer. flattering prospects for a Superabundance of fruit Both wild and tame close at hand "Blackberries" "Apples" Peaches &c hope we will Be the lucky ones, that will Be left here

Late P.M. very warm clouded up looks like rain soon took a stroll through the great "City" "Necropolis" alls well Jim.

Sunday the 8th 1864 finds all well. in good Health weather warm and nice time moderate sent out detail of guard as usual this morning

at eleven oclock attended services in the grave yard. Preaching By, _____ a stranger to me his text was the 1st 17 verses of the 2nd Chap. of Mathew, which was ably handled, and some new ideas presented By the speaker. Congregation small But very attentive. was slightly interrupted By a funeral procession from the City.

Lieut Beans returned to day and Brought the news from Cairo that the non vets of our reg't would Be mustered out the 1st of June guess there is more talk than Cider

no news in camp of any very great interest rumors of a fight on the Rapidan, But no particulars

no definite word from the expedition that left here Recently Jim

Monday the 9th "/64 up early in moderate good health only. feel a little indisposed But nothing very serious the matter weather warm, cloudy, raining a little with good prospects for a considerable shower

sent out the usual detail for Picket Duty this A.M. was relieved at noon By the negroes But why we cannot comprehend at the present some rumors in camp that the "yazoo" expedition has had a fight at that reinforcement has been ordered there from here But it is not likely that they will send us

17th Ills. paid to day four months pay think we will get some soon. hope so at least. word came that our Re'g't had recruited up full will soon look for them down here

drawed some clothing to. one pair of shoes and two pair of socks.

no news of interest in camp to day all quiet in the City Jim

Tuesday the 10th 1864 up early this morning in the best of health. health tolerable good in general some little sickness weather warm Cloudy, and raining some in the afternoon raind quite hard for a while, with Thunder and heavy wind. hailed as Big as hens eggs fell on Blackriver spent most of the day in reading late signed the Pay rolls for four months pay think we will Be paid tomorrow

night went to the City to the Literary society. had a good time the question resolved that secret societies should not be allowed in this country was ably debated By Maj. "Harrison" Negative and Capt. Moor affirm and was decided in favor of the Neg. unanimously

was appointed Critic By the President made report "extem pore"

after Business made our way home in the dark. some what unwell. no news in camp Jim

Wednesday the 11th "/64 up at usual hour not very well. was detailed for picket duty guard formed early. ordered to report at Jackson road Lt. Bronz in charge relieved Negroes and stood on the Jackson road orders very strict aBout letting Citizens take grub and other stuff had to search every Body had some fun with some of the Ladies Great rumors aBout a Big fight in Virginia Grant had moved with his whole army. nothing very definite aBout the fight. the rebs claim a partial victory and admit that Longstreet is wounded it is very easy to see from the tenor of their dispatches that Grant has whiped Lee and done it right at that

the Yazoo expedition had a fight at "Benton Ville" drove the rebels with a slight loss on our side

Some troop out at Big Black river Building a pontoon Bridge a cross it night all right. nothing happened of note not very well at night feel worse Jim

Thursday the 12th 1864 in rather poor health to day health moderate in Camp But very little sickness. few cases fatal.

weather, clear, very warm and sultry to day was relieved at 8t A.M. By 81st Ill's returned to camp found things all right L't. Jones gone after the pay master. Soon come with Major Morton who waited on us, with a few greenbacks. Paid us four months pay. up to May 1st "/64 received $68.00, for my show to day

after dinner went to the City. & out to the camp of the 5th Cavalry. But did not see "Keeran" came back to the City great excitement about the fight in virginia But no news of a definite character or reliable it is certain there has Been a fight from rebel sources we infer grant

has Been victorious up to this time.

night Lager beer shop in the camp half the Boys drunk or nearly so.

Saw "Gen" "Slocum" to day fine looking man. all quiet in the City Jim

Friday the 13th "/64 only in moderate health to day weather very warm and quite sultry towards the meridian of the day. sent out a detail for Picket guard duty to report at the Jackson Road. morning went down to town. Business quite lively in the City no definite news yet from "virginia" But all the Rumors and information received up to this time gives "Grant" the victory. we wait with great impatience for reliable information of the Progress of the Battle But feel confident Grant will win.

the Yazoo expedition is expected to return now every day. there is no late news from them. as to what they are doing or what they have accomplished But it is likely that the have captured large amount of cotton as McArthur commands

attended the 10 oclock Prayer meeting at the Presbyterian Church good time

Plenty of Beer in camp some of the Boys dog drunk some recruits and some of the guard all quiet in City Jim

Saturday the 14th 1864 in some Better health to day Boys all well in camp. But little sickness here amongst the troops white or Colored. Some sickness amongst the Citizens a funeral nearly every day. sometimes 2

went to the City after the news all I could learn was that Gen Grant had Been fighting three days had Been victorious drove Lee. into the defences of Richmond leaving his dead and wounded in our hands. loss heavy on Both sides. fighting desperate. also that

"Butler" and Smith ahd whiped Beauregard Cutting him all to pieces great excitement amongst the soldiers and Loyal. Citizens look Blue. the news is not official But supposed to be tolerable correct and reliable hope so as it will counter ballance a Banks defeat on "redriver" in part at least

Gen. Canby passed here last night on his way to relieve Banks

no news here of interest all is going on well times very good now. weather warm rained some Jim

Sunday the 15th 1864 in good health as usual to day the health as good as common in Camp

Weather warm and pleasant with an occasional shower of rain to cool the air and temper the Burning rays of the hot summer sun

sent out a detail for picket guard duty Hazelbaker went on to day. went to the City. Boat came down. But no late news went to the Presbyterian church heard a good discours By the Rev. Dr Warren after which went to camp. eat dinner and spent the rest of the day in reading &c until dark & went to the City to Church again heard a good discours By the Rev. Warren, D.D. returned to the camp and went to Bed to dream of home &c the news gives our old Head. Grant a complete victory and places him under the works at Richmond. hope it may all Be so no local news Jim

Monday the 16th 1864 up early. in good health as usual Boys all well in camp. Health generaly good Weather warm. and sultry at noon tide. times very good. Business flush in the City. plenty of money was in the City nearly all the forenoon But saw or heard nothing of interest come to camp spent the rest of the day in reading. after supper heard a boat whistle went down to get a Paper and to see if the Reg't. had returned on it. found them there all right had Just disembarked. soon marched out to Gen. Moltby's head quarters and went into camp there Boys all sounded glad to get Back to Vicksburg. again. got all the news from home times hard up there spring Backward Just Planting corn when the Boys left. some of the Boys did not come had married and could not leave their wives for a while wish them a happy time in the future. Boys all look well no local news of interest Jim

Tuesday the 17th 1864 up late this morning in good health as usual Boys all well as common. weather warm and raining some occasionaly during the day Reg't. moved over this morning Col. went to get permission to Move Camp Back By Moltby's head quarters gave orders for the Boys to all stay in camp to Be ready to move at any time. spent most of the day in talking of home and listning as the Veterans talk of what they saw, heard, and done &c

orders for three roll calls a day now. old soldiering to play now.

night went to the City to attend the Literary society small turn out. no essay. Debate very poor no Magazine at all question the next debate Resolved that Colinization is the Best way of disposing of our Colered People. was chosen By Lieut Waitman to assist him on the affirm. no news in camp to day Jim

Wednesday the 18th 1864 in very good. Boys all well look a little Blue. weather very warm Clouded up and rained some in the fore noon. very sultry all day. moved camp to day over By Moltby head quarters. was detailed to go take posesssion of company B. of the 17th and guard it 17th Started for springfield to day. turned their camp and recruits over to the 8th, some great news this afternoon. fired a National salute in honor of some victory Rumored that it was grant had taken Richmond. another that he had taken 25,000 Prisnors & 60 cannon. another, that Sherman and McPherson had cleaned Joe "Johnston" out But Could not learn the truth of the matter every Body had their own story to tell, aBout it

no local news of interest. Sent Journal Book up By "Aaron Rhoads" times about the same as usual
night wrote three letters and went to bed very late
Jim

Thursday 19th "/64 in usual good health had no breakfast- to far to go to camp
weather very warm. officers and Q.M. came over. turned the tents over. as they stood went to work tearing down tents gathering up lumber &c. Capt staid awhile then went Back to send over a relief. came in the after noon. got a drag and took over what things I had. and went to camp. weather very sultry every thing in confusion in camp did not get tents all over till nearly dark Just one year ago to day we Closed our lines in on vicksburg that was a very hot day. as is this have Just Been here one Year if we Count in three or four Big expeditions made during the time no news from Grant to day. in fact none from any Body hope Grants & Shermans victories are complete no Local news of interest to day. no water in camp or near it dont know what we will do this summer Jim

Friday the 20th 1864 up early in the morning. roll call. Breakfast Early. But little to Eat. in the Best of health Boys all in good Health. Health generaly very good amongst the troops here. weather extremely warm. and dry and sultry. water scarce and poor. spent the fore noon in fixing up our tent, table, cook shed, &c suffered some from the extreme Heat. Capt. Making out the Pay rolls to day. noon roll call.
Rumored that some negroes are to be Shot to day for the murder of a man By the name of Bobbs. the man was to blame in the first Place but the murder was not Justifiable and Should Be severely Punished to Prevent a similar occurrence in the future
times very good here now no news of interest of a local nature Grants opperations in Virginia give entire Satisfaction up to the Present time
Has even wrung a sentiment of admiration from the "Chicago" times no news from "Yazoo" to day all quiet in City Jim

Saturday the 21st 1864 up Early. no roll call. in good health weather very dry and dusty extremely hot and sultry. to much so for comfort almost impossible to find a comfortable Place to rest or a cool drink of water hauled some water to day from the river Spent most of the day in reading writing &c no news from Grant to day. in fact no news at all in camp. late Papers But they contain nothing Grant army seems to be at a stand still on account of excessive rains
Sherman seems to have achieved a Partial victory over Johnston and all with a fearful loss of Life we wait with great impatience to hear of the fall of "Richmond" and "Atlanta"
Major "Wheaton" in command of the Reg't. issued an order for all the Boys that had none to draw Blouses and wear them on "dress Parade"
Completely disgusted hearing the veterans talk about the women North one would think that virtue had ceased to exist to hear them talk Jim

Sunday the 22nd 1864 up at the usual hour in good health as common Boys all in good health as usual Health generaly very good. weather very dry. and extremely hot and Sultry hope for rain soon to cool the Air
9.30. A.M. company inspection of arms and accourterments By Capt. Dennison
10.30 A.M. attended services at the P Church. listened to a good discourse By some Chaplain a Stranger to me Subject Submission to God great interest manifested by the Congregation. returned to camp eat dinner. and then took a nap to pass away the time
5.30 P.M. dressparade by Major Wheaton was detailed for left General Guide. all went off right. the first dressparade for some time
night went to the city to church was at the Presbyterian. heard a good discourse By Rev. Dr Porter. from 2nd Chron. 16th 9th good interest manifested
no news in camp of any note times lively as usual all quiet in City Jim

Monday the 23d 1864 in good health weather warm and sultry. very dry and dusty in camp and in the city. times somewhat dull the stillest times I ever saw in our camp for the last two years no body drunk. seems to have sobered the Boys of some By Being at home so long I think it is high time too. most of our company have pledged themselves to desist from card playing and to abstain from the use of Tobacco. & intoxicating drinks of any kind hope they may keep it in good faith.
Gen. A.J. Smiths Red River expedition returned here to day But will go on up the river in a day or two. learn that the 81st and 72nd goes up the river soon. also the rest of the troops on the Yazoo Expedition
Noon roll call By the O.S. 5.30 P.M. Dressparade By Major "Wheaton" all went of right
some air stiring. cool breeze feels more comfortable. no news of any interest in the camp or city Jim

Tuesday the 24th 1864 up at Revellie in as good health as usual and in the best of spirits
weather very dry, warm, clear and sultry. dust awful times about the Same in camp Business very dull
Pay master came out and Paid the veterans up to the first of May and the second installment of Bounty also Paid all that had not Been Paid, &c.
noon. roll call according to orders afternoon the non veterans of the 4th M.o. started home to be mustered out.
530 P.M. dressparade By Major "Wheaton" did not go gun was on guard detail of Picket guards sent out to relieve some of the negroes

night went to literary society had a good time spoke at length upon the affirmative. also 8 minutes of volunteer time lost the discussion. Business meeting was chosen chief affirm. for next debate on resolved that By the act of secession, the states now in rebellion have virtualy reduced them selves to territorial condition Lt Mokering assistant Seg't. Conrad negative

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Society elected officers. was Elected Editor of our Magazine for the next term of four weeks Declined But done no good will have to come to it

Wednesday the 25th 1864 up at the usual hour. in very good health Boys all in the best of health and in very good spirits Veterans dont look quite so blue as when they first returned the are now waiting for "Grant" to Capture Richmond to End this Cruel War. some of them have already Broken some of their pledges made to abstain from the use of tobacco, Liquors and Cards gradualy falling into old habits

weather Still dry, dusty hot and sultry getting some what used to it.

5.30 P.M. dressparade By Major Wheaton orderly gone. formed the Co. and reported it to the adjutant.

Orders read forbiding any soldier from leaving camp without a pass from Capt. appd. By the Major. and not over three men from Co. at time, and not to excuse from parade unless so mentioned

night went to the Church small congregation out. no sermon. times good. Local news scarce City quiet Jim

Thursday 26th 1864 up at Revellie. in good Health as usual Boys all in very good Health

weather Clear, dry, and dusty but not quite so hot as yesterday. some air stiring to day. took a stroll around through the hills, in search of some fruit. and to see what the prospect is for the summer. plenty of "blackberries" "Apples" and "Peaches" got some good cooking Apples & Brought them to camp.

Being some what affected with the "Mawking Bird "Mania" that has Been raging here this summer I turned and in that direction and found one nest the old bird Just setting. the woods has Been searched for miles for these rare Birds and they have sold for 3 to 5 dollars per. pair and very young at that

5. P.M. Dressparade By Major Wheaton no orders. and no news. times about the same. only a month and a few days of sorrow guerillas fire on all the Boats that come down the river now. Jim

Friday the 27th 1864 up early in good health as usual weather warm, dry, and dusty as ever.

orders to Be ready to march at a moments notice. orders came last night But was not issued untill this morning. to have three days cooked rations. on hand But such orders are to old for us now they done fine three years ago. Q.M. drawed ten days rations preparatory. drawed "hard tack" bread destination supposed to be up the river to "greeneville" as the guerillas are infesting the river in that vacinity firing on all Boats that Pass there took all day to get ready to go. But I hope the final orders will not come for I dont want to go on any more Expeditions till after the 25th of July.

5. P.M. dressparade By Major "Wheaton" no orders all went of right

times about as usual in camp Business flush in the City all quiet. Boys all quiet in camp. But little drinking since the vets came back hope they will hold out But I fear. Jim.

Saturday the 28th 1864 up early health good as usual. in camp and the City. Boys in fine spirits as usual under similar circumstances

weather cool, and cloudy. raind a little last night as tried to rain all day But could not make it. sprinkled a little during the day. But not enough to lay the dust which is getting intolerable about four inches deep in the streets and all the Public and Private roads

marching at present seems to have played out. though the order has not Been countermanded understand that our destination was little Rock Ark. to assist Steele in case the Rebs laid seige to little Rock

6. P.M. dressparade By Col. Sheets no orders went out as left general guide all went of right

no local news of note and none from the field last Boats down was not fired on. all quiet in the City [next line in code:] got some apples this morning to cook

Jim

Sunday the 29th 1864 up at the usual hour. not very well this morning. caught Bad cold feel Bad generaly all over.

weather clear, dry and dusty. But some cooler than for some time past. (yesterday excepted) was in camp till 9. a.m. no inspection this morning. Col. put noon roll call of till one P.M. so we could go to church. went to the P. Church listened to an Eloquent practical discourse By the Rev. Dr. Warren. was particularly applicable to a certain class in the army

afternoon drawed Blouses By order of the celebrated Maj. "Wheaton"

6. dressparade By Col. Sheets. all went of right night went to the City to Church Rev. Dr. Warren addressed us from John 7th c. 13th v. large congregation and good attention very able discourse

Serg't. James Carmon returned from recruiting service Brings no news of interest. none here

Jim

[on 3 lines vertical through prior entry:]
Negro cook of 17th Ills was accidently shot By one of Co. Hs cooks Bad wound went in Between the Shoulders lodged in neck doubtful if he survives it

Monday the 30th 1864 up at reveille. not very well to day feverish and dull head ache. fear I am going to be sick, or that it will terminate in something serious boys all well in company as usual. But more sickness in the "reg't" now than since we left "Birds Point" mostly amongst the Veterans and recruits, caused By change of climate and mode of living.

weather clear, dry, and warm, But not very sultry. very dusty. almost insufferable in camp, on the roads and in the city. hope for rain soon But it is almost hoping against hope. for it does not have much appearance of rain

6. P.M. dressparade By Col. Sheets no orders and no news after which By the captain's order reported Wm Cloud to the Col. for refusing to draw Blouse dont know how they will make it the Col. saw the order was peremptory and must be obeyed or, "suffer the consequence"

night no news took a bathe and went to Bed. felt much Better. Jim

Tuesday the 31st 1864 up at the usual hour not in very good health to day. Boys generaly well some sickness in the regiment

weather warm clear, dry, and dusty in the fore noon But Just before dark clouded up and rained some. wind high upset some tents was quite a storm and continued untill after dark So that I could not attend the literary Society without doing great violence to my Health.

orders this morning for a Regimental inspection at 5. P.M. with arms & accouterment havre sacks & canteens

at 5. oclock the Reg't. was formed and marched over in the hollow, where our 2nd camp was, and inspected By Col. Sheets. and Major. "Wheaton" all went off fine. over marched Back to camp

furnished Picket guard to day Hazelbaker went. Dunkle & Baylor. drawed 5. days rations lots of Potatoes Jim

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30th	one pair Pegged Shoes	1	45

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Wednesday June 1st 1864 up quite Early in tolerable good health Boys generaly well as usual

weather cool and nice rained enough to lay the dust went to the City Early in the morning after some Stationary. found the 1st Kansas was in the City, ready to Boat for home to Be mustered out of the Service, their time Being out now. three days went in Search of my friend. found him was going direct to Fathers. sent my compliments by him. to my folks.

6. P.M. dressparade By Col. "Sheets" Monroe. Ad'g't. all went of finely.

night started to the city to Church But before we got quite there clouded up and looked So much like rain we turned us about. for camp. not much rain But considerable wind.

no news in camp of any interest. has Been no Boats down for several days and no news from Grant or Sherman Price reported to Be on the retreat from Little Rock Jim

Thursday 2nd 1864 in very good health Boys all well weather warm and nice in the fore noon. orders for company inspection at 4. P.M. and general inspection at 7. to morrow morn.

Sent out a detail for Picket guard this morning. afternoon clouded up. heavy wind. Blowed hard and then commenced to rain rained hard till nearly four P.M. then ceased company called out and inspected By Capt. N.W. Denison all went of fine

6. P.M. Dressparade By Col. J. A. Sheets "Monroe" adj't. left guide order of court martial stoping ten dollars Pay from O Tuttle, H. Company for insolent talk to O.S. and disorderly conduct on dressparade. May 24th

no news in camp at present no Boats come down for three days dont know what the matter is times very good in camp time fast soon be free Jim

Friday the 3d 1864 up early. in good health as usual Boys all well in camp. Health Gen. good

weather cloudy and raining commenced about seven A.M. rained hard, continued till nearly noon & completely played out the grand inspection. put off till sunday 7. a.m. ground well soaked dust laid

after dinner went to the City to get the news steamer James Watson Just came down run the blockade at "Columbia" rebels got two Batteries there shot three holes through the watson. the "Amos" on its way down with mail and Papers. first Kansas was fired into on their way up some killed and wounded reimainder of Smiths troops started up to day. afternoon rained nearly all the evening Boat got down But Brought no news of importance night G.P. McLellan returned from veteran furlough. news very scarce in camp now. Jim

Saturday the 4th 1864 up at the usual hour in very good health Health generaly very good in camp and in the city. Sanatary Condition of Both very good at the present time

weather clear and warm but quite Pleasant as the ground is quite wet and no dust flying at all. Early in the morning went and got some green apples, to cook got some splendid ones nearly ripe and very good size. spent the rest of the forenoon in writing some articles for our magazine made But poor head way. could not collect my thoughts well. spent most of the afternoon in writing for same purpose

6 P.M. dressparade By Colonel Sheets Monro adgt. orderly gone formed the company But he got Back in time to Save his Bacon

time wears on slowly and not so very slowly Either mail to day. got a letter But did not amount to very much have Plenty to do now to Prevent Nostalgia all quiet Jim

Sunday the 5th 1864 up Early. in good health Boys all well and in good spirits &c weather warm, and clear But no dust. at 7. a.m. Reg't. was formed and marched down in the Hollow Below Gen Moltby's Headquarters formed in Colums of Companys and inspected By Lieut. King E. Company. Brig'd. Insp'tr and Col. Sheets Maj. Wheaton &c inspected knapsacks Havre sacks canteens, arms, and accouterments lasted some time. marched Back to quarters stacked arms quarters inspected By the same. afternoon wrote some for magazine.

6 P.M. dressparade By Col Sheets. Bours F. Co. adg't. orderly gone formed the Co. reported it. and him absent without leave. wind raised rained some. went to the city to church dr warren delivered a good discourse Math. 8. 5-15th give universalist fits very dark travling home looks rainy Jim

Monday 6th 1864 in usual good Health Boys all well. Health generaly throughout camp and in the City times very good at present. wild fruit ripening very fast Since the recent rains.

weather cool, and nice. hard rain in the fore noon. with high wind also in the after noon. rained nearly all day. But quit at night one Blessing it never gets muddy in camp as the Elevation admits of all the water running off as fast as it falls. tent leaked a little to day.

Serg't. Wiley detailed for guard went to City with three men.

spent Part of the day in writing and arranging the Magazine no news of interest in camp the last Boats down had to run the Blockade. "Smiths" troop were landing to drive the rebels off. trust they wil succeed in capturing them. Times very quiet in the Reg't. But little drinking done now. Boys have no money Jim

Tuesday 7th 1864 in good health as common Boys all well and in fine spirits hoping the war will soon end.

weather rather nebulous, with occasional Pluvial Chullitions raind nearly all the fore noon. and hard part of time. with high wind. spent part of the forenoon preparing the magazine for to night. afternoon hard storm. and heavy rain Just "Poured" "down" for awhile But ceased about dark. went down to the society commenced to rain Just as got there staid awhile no society. slacked up started home. Dark rained all the way on me sweet time. no news in camp of any interest mail, & Papers But they contain nothing of import from Sherman or "Grant" Capt. Col and some of the officers got Big Poker game now. had for some days Jim

Wednesday the 8th 1864 up Early this morning in the Best of health Boys all well as common times very good in camp and in the City

Weather warm and cloudy in a.m. went in search of some blackberries and after a tedious tramp through the brush and wet weeds succeeded in finding a few got nearly two quarts and returned to camp with Badly scratched hands &c

afternoon clouded up and about 1. P.M. heavy storm came up high wind. and rained in torrents lasted about an hour. Broke away wind changed, and Soon came Back again, and continued till nearly dark. then cleared up to give us time to Eat supper. so much rain here at this season of the year is a very rare occurrance indeed.

But little news here none of note. officers getting apprehensive of the consequences of an Election. and have declared against it perhaps will be some trouble.

night high wind and hard rain again lasted nearly all night slept But very little Jim

Thursday 9th 1864 Health good as usual. Boys well weather cloudy. cool, and nice. very pleasant in camp. times very dull generaly. nothing Being done of interest. no amusement of any kind going on. 4. afternoon. clouded up and raind some very high wind But little rain all blowed over rained a little during the night.

news from Grants very encouraging at present. But we wait with great interest the issue of his further Progress as the time is now coming when the most sanguinary struggle of the campaign will take place But as we know "Grant" we have no fears as to the final result, we feel Confident that he will yet succeed. But we fear that the loss will be very heavy.

officers. Poker game still going on. most of the Boys have reformed since their veteran furloughs

Local news rather scarce to day from some cause or other 25th July coming Jim

Friday the 10th 1864 in the best of health to day was up at the first dawn of coming day Boys all well as usual in camp Health very good in the City at the present time

forenoon rained a little. spent the time in reading and talking about going home. time wears away slowly on account of the unpropicious state of the weather. and so little duty to do.

afternoon went blackberrying with serg't. Wiley. got half gallen. hot work. ripe berries very scarce in side

of works 6. P.M. assembly beat for dressparade orderly sick formed the company and reported it to the adjutant. Storm coming up. cut dressparde short orderlies had to double quick up & back Col. "Sheets" Presided at the show

Storm was all wind and But little rain mostly went to the north. news from "Grant" still favorable, the work for the reduction of Richmond. no local news in camp of interest to day. soldier in Colorado Reg't. shot his Wife for adutery done it as cooly as if she had been a beef. She will die Jim

Saturday the 11th 1864 up early in good health as usual. Boys all well and in fine spirits. seem to think that when Grant takes Richmond the war will be over. Weather very unsettled to day rainy at intervals during the day part of the time hard

forenoon went down to the city nothing of unusual interest going on Boat down with mail and late Papers news from "Grant" and "Sherman" very cheering as they are Pushing Lee and Johnston at every Point with success.

6 P.M. dressparade By Col. Sheets all went of in fine style order read stoping one months pay from one of B. company for refusing to do fatigue duty. no news in camp of any great interest times very good Business very lively in the City. time Seems to wear away very slow. yet it Passes very fleet. Good news very scarce in camp Jim

Sunday the 12th 1864 in good health as usual to day up at Reveille. Eat Breakfast &c

weather warm and Nebilous and raining at intervals at 9. A.M. had Company inspection By Lieut McClung all went of fine. dismissed came up heavy shower of rain soon over went to the city to Church. Dr. Warren gave us a good discourse from James 4th Part, 14th. Congregation small But very attentive sermon very interesting.

went to camp Eat dinner rained again lay down and took a knap was detailed for guard took three men down to the court room at the market house and relieved our Boys there. nothing to do went Back to camp got supper & Blanket. commenced raining. rained hard for two hours times lively in the city. other names of the non veterans was sent in to head quarters a a step preparatory to mustering us out dont know whether it will be done here or at spring field Ills dont care Either witch one Jim

Monday the 13th 1864 in the Court room. up quite Early. in good health as usual. very good health prevails generaly in the City and in camp weather cool cloudy. and misting rain occasionaly. did not go out to Breakfast but put it of till 9. A.M. so as to merge Breakfast and dinner into one. the Lieut. in charge of the room I was in wrote about two hours then left that was the last I saw of him went out to dinner and got Back By noon. went up in town Bought Waverly Magazine Came Back and spent the time in reading till five P.M was relieved and went to camp. no news of interest

companies all had drill this a.m By order of the Col. Comdg.

had a fight in A Co. over "Fremont" and "Lincoln" old Abe came out Best as he will in the campaign next fall. no news from Grant to day Jim

Tuesday the 14th 1864 up late in good health and feel fine generaly. time flies very swiftly away now will soon be free

weather cool. and misting rain early this morning. soon cleared up and turned quite warm

8t AM. Company drill by Capt. "Dennison" did not last very long nor come very hard Either for Cap. don't like the Brig. any Better than the company does.

afternoon voluteered and went out of the lines after a load of wood Cap. went along soon got a load and returned to camp 6 P.M. dressparad By Col Sheets. left guide to night Soon over with.

went to the City to the Literary Society Some few members came had no key Could not get in the room therefore, it "Played out" I fear it will go back on our hands

times very lively in camp. all going on finely. living very high at the Present time. "Jim"

Wednesday the 15th 1864 in usual good health to day Boys in fine spirits. But wishing for Grant to take "Richmond" and end the war hope so too. but I fear that Event will not be attended with such grand results

weather warm. clear and nice to day. no drill Cap. Plead sick and McClung plead absence. time passes off quite lively Considering the limited source of amusement connected with Camp life. Cooking and Eating is nearly all that we have to do

6. P.M. dressparade By the Col. J. A. Sheets Monroe adj't. no news soon over with.

Paper of the 11th Inst. confirmed the nomination of A "Lincoln" for President A "Johston" "Tenn" for vice Pres't. By Baltimore Conv't Just my ticket to a "V" and will received my support in full. times about as usual in camp. no news front afar Jim

Thursday the 16th 1864 up Early this morning feel quite well. Eat a hearty Breakfast Boys all well in camp. Health good in the City. though there is a rumor of some cases of yellow fever in town said to have Been Brought from New Orleans on a Boat.

weather warm. and clear A.M. quite Pleasant in Camp

Company drill By Lieut. "McClung" Made a very poor out not a Private in the rank But what knows more "Military" than he does. is a perfect "ignoramus"

afternoon 4 P.M. hardstorm come up heavy wind, with quite a Shower of Dust. then Came rain Just Enough

to Spoil dressparade. Rained some after night.

News Vicksburg Herold came out with an Extra giving the particulars of Gen. Sturgises defeat in Northern Miss. By "Smith" and Forrest, &c no Local news. "Jim"

Friday the 17th 1864 up a little late. in very good Health. Weather warm and sultry this morning. and some Clear indications of rain soon.

8t. A.M. had a grand humbug. Company drill by Lieut. McClung. Did not last very long. But longer than we Desired it. hope this will be the last one.

11.30 a.m. nice shower come up rained at interval till near 3. P.M cooled the air some.

6 Oclock dressparade By Col. Sheets. Brigade Brass Band came down and played for us put on some considerable style for the old 8th Reg't.

Rumored that Gen Butler had Captured f't. Darling & that all was going "well" with "Grant" and "Sherman" armies

no Local news of interest in circulation in camp times lively Business flush Jim

Saturday the 18th 1864 in good Health and fine spirits health generaly good in camp and City after breakfast went out after some Berries. gone nearly till noon got a gallon By the hardest Came to Camp nearly suffocated

weather very hot and sultry all day. find no Place very comfortable.

order to Consolidate the remnant of the 17th Ill's with our Reg't. will Be Done in a few days Dont know how it will be done or how they will like it. sure I don't Care a cent.

6. P.M. dressparade By Colonel Sheets. all went of right very warm work. Extremely Sultry this P.M.

night still very sultry. rumored in camp that Gen Sherman had whiped Johnston took Atlanta with 2,500 Prisnors Dont know upon what authority the Rumor is Based But seems to Be quite reasonable. times about the same here Local news scarce. "Jim"

Sunday the 19th 1864 up Early. in good health. Boys all well as usual in company.

weather very hot. and sultry. Clear all day. afternoon extremely sultry. almost Past endurance

9. a.m. Company inspection By Capt. "Dennison" soon over order for inspection of Company quarters every morning at 8. OC

to Sultry to go to Church to day could hardly stand it to sit in the tent in the shade

afternoon 4. P.M. funeral in H. company a recruit Died last night name "Hines"

6. P.M. Dressparade by Col. Sheets Monroe. adj't. all went of fine no orders

night went to City to P. Church listened to a very good discourse By a young Minister. much embarrassed

Rumored atlanta is taken no news of any interest in camp now local news very scarce Jim

Monday the 20th 1864 Health very good. in fine spirits and increasing as the time draws nearer to a close when I shall again be free and permitted to turn my back upon the many vices of camp

7.30 company drill By L't. McClung very short soon came in

went out side the Pickets with Cap after Blackberries found them in abundance got two gallons and returned to camp at 2. P.M. nearly Played out very warm work. hot and sultry. nearly suffocated. 3.P.m nice Shower of rain. rained at intervals till five P.M. Past the time very hard. Cooled the air some

6. P.M dressparade By Colonel Sheets. Monroe. adj't. all went off fine no orders to night of any kind

no news in camp of any interest at all. local news Scarce. Boat Just Came Down Brings late late Papers news of Grants crossing to the south side James river Jim

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Serg't. Hazelbaker on guard at the City

Tuesday the 21st 1864 in good Health as usual this morning. boys all well as common

weather cloudy and cool this a.m rained some slightly in the fore noon at irregular intervals

17th Ill's reported this A.m to be consolidated with the 8th and was distributed amongst the diferent companies. Company E. getting the most. K Co. got 16 men one serg't and one 2nd Lieut. assigned to them consolidation permenant Boys dont like it at all. and are trying to get transfered to the marine fleet I dont blame them

afternoon several good Showers of rain. continued at intervals till nearly night spoiled dressparade at that

Boat down with Papers of 18th report Grants whole army across James river. Smith captured "Petersburg" good many Prisnors no local news of interest Jim

Wednesday 22nd 1864 up late in good Health as usual Boys all in very good Health in the Company. Camp and City &c

Weather warm and sultry and slightly Nubilous. mail came to day letter from Mollie. "H" no news

afternooon clouded up. came Big storm with hard wind. and rain in torrents. tent leaked Badly. fly blowed Down. and Portico. and the tent came very near going and leaving us out in the wet rained till nearly 5. P.M. then cleared up or rather ceased raining

6. P.M. dressparade By Col. J.A. Sheets all went off right &c

no news from any quarter of interest local news scarce.

the Rumor of the evacuation of Richmond in my opinion is all "Bosh" reported Smith Captured some

four thousand Prisnors at Petersburg "night" Cool & nice went to Bed had good sleep J Rhodes and Brown had fight Jim

Thursday the 23d 1864 up Early. in good health as usual weather very warm to day. part of the time extremely sultry almost past endurance good water to drink most of the time. from a cistern near by Much Better than river water

Capt. took an invoice of the Arms and accourterments of the men turned over from the 17th

then had the recruits formed and sent me out to drill them took them out. and through a few Evolutions then returned to camp. cap. said Hazelbaker and I had to do all the drilling "spite work"

6. P.M. Dressparade By Colonel Sheets Monroe. adj't. all went off fine Brigade Band played for us quite a reg't. out to night

Some trouble a Bout the non coms of the 17th no vacancies for them now. applications made to muster "Brooks" orderly of "D" out. dont know how they'l fix it serg't. Smith reported to K for duty to day he is veteran. no vacancy here Jim

Friday the 24th 1864 up at Reveille. roll call By the orderly. in good health as usual Boys all well as common in camp

weather clear and extremely Sultry to day. no company drill serg't. Hazelbaker drilled the recruits

9. AM heard that a negro was going to Be executed arrangement Being made for an expedition from here some where. Rumored that all the Reg'ts. But two goes for the murder of a "woman" whom he shot down in cold Blood. got excused from noon roll call and started for the Place of execution. came up to the reg't. halted in the road had the culprit in an open ambulance Sitting on his Coffin and attended By a chaplain. he looks careless and indifferent. But his Countenance wore rather a fiendish look soon started on again Came to the Place all the negro troops was marched out (6 Reg't.) and formed in two line in three fourths of a hollow square two lines facing the culprit was then marched from right to left (in ambulance on his coffin) preceded By his executioners and then By a Band Playing the dead march Passed round the left of Column into square taken out place on Coffin in front his executioners Chaplain Prayed with him gave him an opportunity to speak said he was sorry told his friends never to do as he had done Lt. then seated him on coffin Blindfolded him and then steped Back and By signal gave the com'ds ready, aim, fire & he was no more. Co A 48th Reg't. A.D. had one less private in its ranks

returned to camp. went and got some Peaches to cook. &c

6. P.M. dressparad By Col. Sheets Monroe adj't. no orders soon over with all quiet in camp. no news of any interest. rumors that the 19th army c. is coming here and are going to fix up the R.R. 6th Mich went out to day. Comp. D went to City to day for guard duty

Jim

Saturday the 25th 1864 up at the dawn of day. roll call. in good health as common. feel fine this morning only one month to serve "Uncle Sam" in the Army.

weather very warm and sultry to day. But very little air stiring.

Joseph Rummel, commissary serg't. was mustered out to day as a supernumerary. in consequence of consolidation with 17th also Dr and L't. and the serg't. Major of the 17th and some more will have to be as some of the companies have to many "non coms"

the quartermaster has orders to get his transportation in good order right away. detailed Mathery to Blacksmith But he wouldent work.

6 PM dressparade By Col. Sheets Monroe adj't. no orders of any kind Brigade Band Played for us

went to the creek to take a Bathe. good long walk. no news to day of any kind worthy of note "Jim"

Sunday the 26th 1864 up Early roll call. in good health as usual. feel fine generaly to day Boys in good health and fine spirits

weather very warm and sultry to day. company inspection at 7. oclock a.m. By Capt. Dennison. all went off Bully soon over with

to warm to go to church to day spent the day in camps. the mustered out officers of the 17th started home to day. in Bully Spirits

afternoon. Received a visit from Major D. Cornwell was quite sociable and Loquacious

6 P.M. dressparad By Col. "Sheets" Monroe adj't. soon over with as there was no orders to read to night

times good in camp all in fine Spirits. and full of hope for the future. all non vets waiting patiently for the 25th of July. coming on slowly

Reg't. sent out detail for Picket guard this A.M. Jim

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night went to City to Church good sermon rained got right wet in coming home very dark

Monday 27th 1864 up Early in usual good Health roll call. weather warm and sultry extremly so. was detailed for fatigue reported at 7. a.m. marched down to the Post commissary. carried some coffee sacks, rolled some Barrels and so fourth. worked till 10.a.m got through that Job. went to Dinner with orders to report Back at 2. PM.

2.P.M. reported Back worked a while. and was dis missed. and came up to camp. after a Stroll in town weather extremely sultry.

no news in camp of any great interest in camp some

arrangement being made for an expedition from here some where. Rumored that all the Reg'ts But two goes from here. Glad my time is so near out as it is for they cant take me out very far. times about the same. some rumor of some cases of Yellow fever in City. all quiet in camp Jim

Tuesday 28th 1864 up at the usual hour in very good health. Boys all well and in fine spirits all things well considered

weather very warm. and sultry. extremely so. clear most of the day now and then a few weather clouds flying. But added But little to the pleasantness of the weather in general. times very good in camp got slightly into the mawking Bird Bis. to day. took an interest in a Brace. more for amusement than profit spent Part of the day making Cages.

afternoon weather aBout the same. went and got some Peaches for cooking purposes. nearly Ripe

6 Oclock dressparade By Col. "Sheets" Monroe adj't. all went off fine no orders read to night.

night went to the City to lecture By on "Brazil" very good lecture. large and very attentive Audience Present all quiet in Camp no news "Jim"

Wednesday 29th 1864 up at Reveille. roll call in the Best of Health to day. Boys well and in the Best of spirits &c.

weather, clear, dry, and very sultry. almost insufferable at times. can bear it when we have to Capt. wanted one of the non vet. serg'ts to resign. But we couldent see it. Col. said he would reduce one. made out the muster roll to day. Afternoon, rained little shower coold the air some. Col. reduced serg't. "Wiley" to rank of Corpl. But as there is an order to Muster out all supernumerary "non com" officers in case of consolidation, appealed the matter to Gen. "Moltby" who promised to investigate the Matter immediately it was a mean low trick of the Col. after mustering them out of the other Cos.

6. P.M Dressparade By Sheets. Orders for muster at 6. to morrow morning last one for me. "night" very sultry appearance of rain. Jim

Thursday 30th 1864 up very Early. roll call quite an Early Breakfast. and at 6. a.m. assembly Beat. reg't. formed on the summit of the hill and was mustered By Col. Sheets took some time to get through with the task all went of fine as one could expect. glad this is the last muster for me. only, "Muster out"

in usual good health weather extremely sultry to day

afternoon, very hot indeed received marching orders. with two days cooked rations and five in the wagons dont think we will go farther than Black River think is Just to guard the Bridge there for a few days Created some stir in Reg't. as the order was not expected

night drawed some clothing for the company one days rations issued. drawed a pair of Shoes pegged. all quiet in camps to night

date of issue	Acc't. of Clothing for July Name of Articles	dols	cts
12th	one pair infty Pants	2	50
"	to three Pair Socks		96
"	two Pairs drawer	1	80

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Friday July 1st 1864 up at 3. oclock a.m. in very good health. Every thing in a Big Bustle. getting ready for the march our cook did not come down had no Breakfast. leave my knapsack and all things in camp. only take my rubber Blanket along. 5 A.M. assembly Beat. fell in. Stacked arms Broke ranks. loaded the wagons and then fell in and moved out on the Jackson road. after several starts, and Blockades we finaly got started. weather very hot. and sultry nearly half of the Boys give out and stoped By the way side after a rest or two reached Black River at 1.30 moved of to the right of road and took up a position for the night went & got some Blackberries. in abundance then commenced to rain. rained till dark did not get wet General Dennis in command. 8th 11th 46th 76th 124th Ill's 30th M.o. and Boltons Battery come out with us all quiet yet

Jim

Saturday the 2nd 1864 up at day Break. in the Best of health Boys all well as usual

weather warm. with a few flying clouds. lay in camp all day spent most of the day in Picking Berries lounging round &c.

Pontoneers put a Pontoon Bridge across Black River to day now and then a few guerillas make their appearance on the opposite side of the River out of range.

afternoon orders to draw 5 days more rations making 8 days on hand and be ready to march at 4. in the morning dont know how far we will go some think to Jackson "Miss" hope not very far no how for I dont want to march much. Division Q.M. told Mercer, that we would return to vicksburg in side of ten days

night very warm. went to Bed and rested fine. Picket officer was drowned last night in deer creek. Jim

Sunday the 3d 1864 up before day. in good health Breakfast ready. commenced to Eat. assembly Beat. fell in and moved of 124th in front 8th next. after a halt or two, crossed the river. and moved of quite slow. weather

extremely hot and sultry. my feet give out. Boys fell Badly. halted frequently to rest. order read to all the companies from Cotton "Dennis" against the Boys getting Peaches, apples or any thing of the kind. Boys much out with "Dennis" Crossed Bakers creek a bout 12.30. waded it, and arrived at Champion hills at 1. P.M. halted and stacked arms. officers put up tents for the night. nice shower of rain cooled the air some. went Black Berrying. found plenty. seems not very familiar. covered with vegetation. Major Gen. Slocum. came out. accompanied By "Moltbys" staff officers glad to see him. Cav. had skirmish this a.m. killed 1 Reb. night warm & cloudy Jim

Monday the 4th 1864 up quite Early. Before day Break in good health as common fell in at day Break. and moved off quite Brisk feet give out. pulled of shoes. went Barefoot. could hardly make it.

weather extremely hot and sultry. Marched hard Boys fell out quite peart to day. crossed Big Cheatam creek aBout 8t oclock rested frequently During the march Gen. "Slocum" passed to the front. looked quite pleasant. some little skirmishing in the front. cavalry had skirmish at "Clinton" killed one reb lay there when we got in at that Place

arrived at "Clinton" at one P.M. went into camp, at 2. P.M. heavy skirmishing out on the Jackson road lasted about an hour some of our Boys came near Being captured out at a house barely escaped. sent out Picket guard. slight skirmishing continued till near night. rebels then charged on on our Cavalry in superior numbers. and drove them in. came right into camp. Reg't. formed in line of Battle. fight lasted till dark sent the 11th Ills. out to reinforce the Picket. drove the Rebs Back & Captured a L't. Col. and some men. Col. exchanging officer. the rebs succeeded in getting in to the 2nd Wis. Cav. camp took some of the men, and some horses. quite a number of the Rebels was killed. and wounded. 2nd Wis. killed five in their camp. night orders to lay by our accouterments and Be ready to fall in at a moments notice By Beat of the Drum.

Rebels reported some fourteen hundred strong mounted Infantry. expect to have a skirmish all the way to Jackson to morrow. But think we will get there without any hard fighting. occasional firing all night rested well "Jim"

Tuesday the 5th 1864 up at day Break. Eat Breakfast, or rather drank cup of coffee no appetite feel very well. Except my feet. are very sore. Boys all in good spirits weather quite warm. with the appearance of Being a sultry day

slow aBout getting started this morning. correlled the teams. and aBout 7. A.M. took up line of march. 11th Ills deployed as skirmishers 124th supporting. 8th next followed By 46th and Boltons Battery skirmishing soon commenced some times quite heavy. almost seemed like a general engagement then the rebs would fall Back. got along fine till within five miles of "Jackson" rebs became more obstinate commenced to use their artilery some. saw some rebs off on our right flank. company K, was deployed, and sent out to see what was up. advanced some distance. caught two soldiers, and a negro. Soon advanced got aBout a mile further found the Rebs in full force. in strong Position. 8th sent forward. into and open field, and Deployed in line of Battle. in Plain View of the Rebels. shelled us quite Briskly only hurt one man slightly. came very near getting Lt McClung, &, I. Got Down Just in time to prevent Being cut in to By a shell. drove Boltons Bat. Back flying. lay here some time in the open field. the sun nearly Burning us up Boys out of water. some few give out. moved further to right. and then got orders to move Back to the other side of the road. in fair range of the Battery. Crossed the road, & moved clear round to the left to flank the rebel Position. 11th 124th 6th and Boltons Bat. marched very hard. no water. Burning sun. road lined with men give out some sun struck left some men Back with the canteens to get water at a little creek marched aBout a mile. through an open lane halted in a grove of timber to rest. came up with water. Cap't. went Back after some of his Boys that had fell out. could see the Rebs moving in the same direction with us. aBout a mile to the right moved on again marched aBout a mile turned to the right marched an other mile halted in the shade rested quite a spell. fully one half of the men Back came up very slow. fell in and moved Back towards the Jackson Road rested a time or two. reached the road some three miles from "Jackson" found the other Brigade and the train up all right. learned the Rebs had skedaddled in the direction of Canton moved in side of the fortifications stacked arms in the shade & took a good rest. then moved on through to the north East side of town and went into camp for the night at 5.30 P.m Just Completely done out never was as near gave up in my life made Bed an lay down Been sick nearly all day. nothing But the prospect of a fight kept me in rank

Col. Capt. and some of the Boys went to Pearl River to take a swim striped of was fired on By guerilla. run and left their clothes got them after wards. one Ball tiped Hen. Stillhamer in two Places & went through Steve. Brooks Pants leg. some of the Boys took their guns went down and fired a few shots

learned that as soon as we left Clinton some two hundred guerillas made a dash on our train But was driven Back. done no damage. at all.

dont know what our loss has Been. not so heavy as the Rebel for they left quite number of killed we had none that I have heard of Gen. "Slocum" was frequently to the front. was very watchfull all the time. "Jim"

Wednesday the 6th 1864 up late. in good health as usual feet quite sore. Boys quite well. the weather hot and sultry. some of the Boys went to the River to Bathe.

was fired on By Bush Whackers. not much stir in camp. Rumors of the Rebs receiving reinforcements to Prevent our return. Sent the 124th out to destroy a Bridge. sent section of Artilery down to the River to knock the Bridge down across Pearl River. at noon received orders to Be ready to move at 4. P.M.

4.P.M. started out. had Bearly got out of camp, till the rebs came in sight moved through town. rear guard Captured three guerrillas that came rushing in town to Pick up straglers stoped in the south side of City rested a while. then marched out some two or three miles. found the Rebs in force on the north side of the road. with a Battery Planted to command the Road. commenced to shell our advance train fell Back and correlled troops moved forward formed line of Battle. sent out skirmishers 8th was formed in rear of Boltons Battery to support it. Cavalry advanced. and heavy skirmishing Commenced Negro Cavalry fought Desperately. lost severly. had quite a number of horses killed. But the men all Brought Back their saddles and Bridles. the wounded Brought Back their arms. aBout dusk, drove the rebs Back some. Co. G. 8th was out as skirmishers. 8th moved down the road aBout half mile formed a line of Battle. lay there till dark Cos. K, H, & E was detached and sent out on Picket guard, in rear. Gen. Dennis. wanted to draw in lines, and fall Back. But Gen. Slocum cursed him. told him he had advanced to there without orders and now he had to hol Posish night. quiet now and then a shot saw nor heard any thing on our line fought mosquitoes all night slept none

Jim

Thursday the 7th 1864 stood on Post from 1.a.m. till day Break not very well. got no rest. was relieved at day light. Joined the Reg't. which was then on the move. Moved west along the road Joined the 124th on the left. halted. Co. K & H, was detached to support a section of Boltons Battery. Reg't. then advanced. amidst a shower of shell. Battery went up in the field and Planted. Commenced firing at the Rebel Battery But with little Effect rebs had good Battery shot inched and to the Place. killed three horses in the Battery skirmishing heavy all along the line. soon became Evident that the Rebs had Been reinforced, Considerable though they did not seem anxious to give a general engagment. But to skirmish and hold us in check and weary us out. our Reg't. charged a cross the field drove the rebs Back whole line advanced with Equal success. fighting quite heavy Gen Dennis Proposed to Burn our train But "Slocum" couldn't see it drove the rebs Back sufficient distance. quieted their Battery and then the train was started up. run the guantlet on the double quick. took some time to get Past. run aBout a mile in advanced and Correlled. Battery was then ordered up. Moved up quite Brisk. to Position on hill By the train. Commenced firing at Reb. B. and received shower of shell in return. shot Close. Battery had one man wounded. we had none lay to close the ground. train Puled up and started again Battery followed. then was now commenced a runing fight our men moving along the road, the Rebs moving in a Paralel line fighting all the time. in aBout 5 miles of C. Gen Slocum Pased to front sent aid Back to ord the rear to move into the road Instantly and move up moved on a short distance. further the Rebs made a dash into the road on the train. came flying down the road, yelling like fiends shooting at straglers, ambulances, &c. our to companies, and one of the 124th was soon formed across the road. gave them a voley checked them moved on a gain and here they Come the second time halted formed our lines and gave them a hearty welcome killed five dead on the ground they up in 50 or 60 yards of us. But did not stay very long. it was fun to see the straglers "git" when they first came into the road first came some cavalry man, horses flying scared nearly to death. then came a ambulance with some wounded. then some more horse men, &c. moved out into an open field found Battery in Position lay there a few minuets then moved on to Clinton on the Double quick. train Passed right on through the Place. we arrived there aBout 9. AM halted a few minuets to get some water. some ladies had their negroes to carry water out to us. moved on out aBout a mile took Position on hill to wait for the Reg'ts to come up Planted Battery staff officers took ten men at Clinton Burnt house, and took the owner Prisnor, for firing at our Cavalry, as we went out, from the windows of the house. got quite a rest. Plenty of good water and 6. nice young ladies to look at quite a refreshing sight. the column came up in about two hours. fighting all they way. we Joined the Reg't. here. soon moved on. men completely fatigued out lay all along the road. seemed all most impossible to get them along at all. wagons all a head ambulances full of wounded. left all that was mortaly wounded at "Clinton" quite a number of stragglers was Picked up for the Rebs was right at our heels all the way. some time Charging on our rear. had to halt every mile or so to rest. was nearly flickered out my self. marched Barefoot all Day. feet very sore in aBout three miles of "Bob Cheatem" (or what some call Baker's creek) 8th was throwed Back in the rear. company K deployed as skirmishers. marched Back through the Brush. some mile as wear the Boys on the road skirmishing all the time. Couldent see any thing from the left from where I was. came out to the open wood halted some time. waiting for them to Build a Bridge across the creek the rebs having Burned the old one. moved out into the open field. came up a hard rain got soaking wet. Just Before dark assemble in the road moved down and Crossed the creek. moved out a mile went into camp. lay in the mud. some supper coffee, &c. rested fine think we made a lucky escape to get of as well as we did. only lost one wagon. orders to move at four A.M.

Jim

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Called for guard from our company. my turn to go Capt. excused me on account of my feet. Col. made the Boys go after Being on guard all last night "Mean Trick"

Friday the 8th 1864 up Just at the dawn of day Eat a few Bite of Breakfast feel mean feet sore. fell in and moved of very slowly for a while some talk of the rebs Being at champions hill. but dont think they will Bother much after Marched short ways Dr ordered me to get on and ride. But did not. moved Just as the men could stand it very sultry to day marched over to champions hill without any trouble few rebels hanging around but made no demonstration on the train. moved very cautious had to Wade Bakers Creek. moved on short distance halted rested 8th was detailed to guard the train K. Co. deployed as skirmishers moved on the flank aBout one hundred yards from the Road. Marched on the flank till came to the River some four miles from the Bridge halted some two hours rested dressed the wounded made them some soup &c. some few rebs came up in the rear. But kept a safe distance. few shots fired. left here aBout 2. P.M. got on the wagon and rode to the River went very slow. could see the rebs in the rear. teams correlled at the river. waited for the troops to cross over. got off and hobbled over and out to camps. the same Place we lay as we went out. feel very thankful to recross the river safe and in as good condition as I am in. fitting up an other expedition to send Back to Jackson. some reinforcements come here. 1100 Cavalry 6,000 or 7,000 Infty. hope they will have Better success than we did dont think any that was on this time will have to go. got some good water. fixed Place lay down and took a good rest troop all completely fatigued out. dont know what our loss is yet. Perhaps 300 killed wounded & missing. 8th 20. or 25.

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K one man missing. one slightly wounded

Saturday the 9th 1864 up late not very well. feel so sore cant walk at all. times dull. seems like they dont know what to do Commenced Early to take up the Pontoon drawed some whiskey. issued it to the men. some got tight had two or three fights &c the general result of issuing Corn Juice to Men. lay around in the Shade most all day. Marched the Regts Down fired off the Guns sent the Sick and crippled in on the cars. Dr sent me on the wagon train Because could not walk from Depot to camp. aBout 3. P.M. fell in. moved out to the R.R. Reg't. halted orders to go in on the cars for Provost. duty. to Relieve 58th O. 72nd Ills to go to Jackson. got our train under way. went slowly. and reached Vicksburg aBout an hour after Dark. found the Reg't. there. half on guard. things all right. put on Clean Clothes. made a good Bed lay down rested fine "Jim"

Sunday the 10th 1864 up late took good rest this morning feel tolerable well. feet quite sore But some Better than Yesterday A.M. Boys all well as Could Be expected

weather very hot and sultry Sent detail to City for guard took the remnant of the Reg't. to make up the number. Co. F. was detached and sent to town on duty.

the Jackson expedition Commenced moving out at 3. a.m. 72nd, 58th O. went out. and four or five Colored Reg'ts the expedition will Be aBout 15,000 or 16,000 strong with 5,000 or 6,000 Cavalry. and under the immediate command of "Gen" "Slocum" they march with 15. days Rations. with a train of aBout 300 wagons hope it will Be more successful than ours was. night sent some reinforcements to "Grand Gulf" "Colored Regt" or two. Rumored Gen. Dennis is under arrest. order here to send us to springfield Soon. 3.P.M. nice shower of rain Jim.

Monday the 11th 1864 in usual good Health feet getting well fast. Boys generaly in good health and fine Spirits. times very good

weather extremely hot and sultry. almost insufferable at times Especialy when unacclimated

Sent detail to City for Guard. quite heavy duty now takes the men on every alternate day or nearly so. 14 men, and two corporals from K. Company to day. off duty. spent the day laying around camp. dull time. Couldent get out.

afternoon 5. oclock heavy wind storm came up. Blowed very hard came near upsetting our tent. did Blow over a few. after the wind was over. Commenced to rain. raind quite hard for a while then Slackened up. rained steady till after Dark Cooled the air considerable

sent Back some wounded cavalry advance past Champions hill. skirmishing quiet number 72nd returned sun struck. news "Local" scarce. Jim.

Tuesday the 12th 1864 in usual good Health Boys all well as common. in very good spirits. weather alittle cool & pleasant this morning But soon be came quite Sultry as old Sol. ascended the zenith. Sent a detail to City for guard. 1 serg't. 1 Corpl. and 14 Men. pretty hard on the Boys.

afternoon. quiet dull in Camp. no news. nothing interesting going on to wear away the "tedious" "Monotonous" hour of camp life.

2.P.M. heavy storm hard rain lasted short time. raind in moderate showers at intervals rest of the P.M. cooled the air considerable

news from the expedition quite favorable getting along fine some skirmishing nearly all the time think they will Be successful.

Local news Scarce Business quite lively. money plenty. some talk that we will be sent up the river. soon

or sooner "Jim"

Wednesday 13th 1864 up Early in good Health as usual. feet nearly well. though still of duty. Boys generaly well. took J. H. "Robertson" to Hospital this morning sick with fever. "Times very good"

weather quite cool and pleasant in the fore noon. turned very warm about three. P.M Continued till dark

Sent detail of Serg't. 2 Corp'ls and 14 men. to the City for guard. boys getting tired of Provost duty aready.

J. S. Wiley refered that matter of the Col. reducing Him, to Brigade headquarters received promise to give the matter prompt investigation and adjustment. think it will come right.

think we will go up the River about the 15th or 16th "hope so" any way.

news from Gen. Slocum Expedition very favorable. Rebs falling Back Captured two Peices of their artilery.

quite a number of the 72nd Ills returned "Badly" "sun struck" (in a ham) all very quiet in City and Camp

Jim.

Thursday 14th 1864 in good health as common Boys all well and in moderately good spirits. quite hopeful of the future prospect of our country's cause. not withstanding Gen. "Grant" and "Sherman" seem to make very slow Progress toward Richmond and "Atlanta" though we feel sure they will reach there yet.

weather quite warm and sultry to day times in camps very dull. making out our muster out Papers to day But dont know how Soon we will get off no order yet.

Gen. "Moltby" replied to J. S. Wiley By sending an order to Col. Sheets to muster him out as a serg't. date from June 21st or as "Corporal" at expiration of term dont know which he will take.

news from "Slocum" is rather vague. But favorable

night warm Mosquitoes very Bad. Been so for several nights. can hardly sleep for them. Jim

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same detail for guard serg't. Hazelbaker on

Friday the 15th 1864 up late. feel quite well to day though marked off duty By the Doctor. have not Been to the Hospital since came in off the march. Health generaly good in camp. and in the City

Weather very warm and sultry. same detail for guard to day serg't. Smith went.

quite a Busy time with officers now settling up their accounts Capt. Dennison Busy all day. fixing up his Clothing account rather a difficult Job some of his Papers lost. hope to get away soon

6. P.M. Dressparade orders read reducing serg't Smith to Ranks and stoping one months Pay. Private Hamilton 1. Month Pay and ten days confinement. for Playing of the last march Both A Company. detailed for guard to mistake of Duty But will go Jim

Saturday the 16th 1864 up Early. in good health as usual. Boys generaly well and in good spirits

weather warm and sultry extremely sultry Part of the time almost Past endurance 8 A.M. assembly Beat fell in guard formed divided off. and the marched to the City to Court house and then mounted. inspected &c was Placed in command of 4th Plattoon when the guard Passed in review

was then Divided of commencing on the right Sent me to Jail No 1 in charge of the guard 3. Corporals and 36 Men. head quarters at the Engine house. had very good time. no trouble at. quite Busy at Provost office took a Cit. out and tried him for murder. killed man last night. Put him Back in Cell. dont know his sentence

night some of Prisnors tried to Escape. But was stoped By guard. mosquitoes very Bad. Slocums Expedition or part of it at grand Gulf. no news of interest Jim

Sunday the 17th "/64 in good health. But dont feel Just right. no Breakfast this morning weather very warm and sultry to day. was relieved at 9. a.m. By J. Corman. was right glad to get away hope wont have to go on guard any more till we go up the river and it is about time we was on the way now. can't get there in time if we start to day. Im getting very impatient to Be off from here

news in the City dull to day news from Washington Places the Rebels in 7. miles of that Place 15,000 strong attacked the outer works dont think it will amount to much Just a faint. to force Grant to relax his hold on Richmond But think twil fail. as Grant will let Washington take care of its self

night Sermon in camp By the agent Christian Com. 72nd came up to night Gen "Slocum" returned will get off home soon as we only waited for his return for the order to go so Sheets Said "Jim"

Monday the 18th 1864 up at Reveille. in good Health as usual. in fine spirits as Could Be expected. Boys well as common

weather warm. and Sultry But we are getting used to that kind of weather, or as near so as it is Possible to Approximate

two serg'ts. one corpl. and the same number of men sent to the City for guard to day. Hazelbaker. and Smith lucky ones

the most of Slocums expedition returned to day the General here him self. lot of Cavalry went out on the Baldwin Ferry Road this A.M

times dul in camp no visible Prospect of getting off home very soon. some chicanery some where with officers

night warm Mosquitoes plenty detailed for guard in the morning hope to get orders to leave Before the time all quiet Jim

Tuesday the 19th "/64 up Early in good health as

usual. Eat harty Breakfast

weather warm and sultry getting quite dry and dusty in the city and along the road.

7.30 A.M. Guard call beat fell in formed the guard & was marched to City By Lieut. Albert. A. Company. was mounted Leut. Cover acting Adjutant was given Command of 2nd Plattoon to march in review. went off fine. marched in front court house Divided off. was sent to Jail No. 1 left Gun in guard house to make out report. was stolen while gone got long fine at Jail lots of Business to do. Reported Tom Walters H Co. for neglect of duty Was Put in Jail By Capt Prior.

had rather hard time kept quite Busy. night staid up till mid night. then lay down and took some rest no difficulty Jim

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had to settle a difficulty in Prison Before lay down simply a little fight PS Put some 30 Prisnors in this a.m. Mostly Rebs

Wednesday the 20th In usual good health weather very warm and sultry. and dry. 9. a.m. was relieved from guard went to guard house no gun yet went to camp. order came for us to leave on the next Boat Capt Sayers C Company detailed to take us up. went to Capt Dennison to get him to fix up my Gun affair. said I had not aught to Be made pay for it But he did not know how to fix it up. had no form went to Col. got less satisfaction than ever. went and hunted up a form. and By working till ten oclock P.M. got the matter all fixed up to suit me. orders to report to the Boat at 8. A.M. settled up all my Business and got ready to go. Some little excitement in the Reg't. guess some of the Vets wishes twas morn Jim

Thursday 21st 1864 up very Early in good Health as common. weather very warm and Sultry Packed up knapsack and things ready for the trip Capt. Sayers came round and detailed me for Commissary Serg't. for the Battalion. with orders to draw four days rations from Reg't'l. Commissary. Eat Breakfast for the last time with Co. K went to Commissary and Drawed rations loaded them on wagon. Put things on and reported to "James White" went aboard loaded thing on. then located on the Herricane Deck 11th non vets with Col. and several officers come aboard at 11 A.M. Steamed up the River landed at Youngs Point took on lot of Cotton stoped at several intermediate Points & Passed Lake Providence Just after dark making good time Jim

Friday the 22nd 1864 in good health as usual the weather some what cooler and more Pleasant. nice cool north Breeze this morning. was hailed this morning By a gun Boat that had in tow the wreck of the W B "Runyan" some eight miles Below Eggs Point landing the Boat was snaged and sunk at that Place. went down in 60 feet of water. aBout (200) lives lost. some think more some less. 10th Mo Cav on Board her assisted to Push the wreck ashore. took on some of the rescued Passengers and the crew of the Boat steamed on up Bank lined with Peices of wreck Dead horses, and Mules. 200 Mules and Horses lost Passed Napolean aBout sundown. no guerillas on the river. all quiet went to Bed and slept fine Jim

Sat. 23d 1864 in usual good Health weather warm and Pleasant. wooded Early. some 30 miles below Helena. Steamed on up landed at Helena at ten A.M went shore got some things. Put of "Squibs" wounded Man of Co. F. died in a few minuets after Put him off. was wounded the 7th Inst. at Jackson Miss Steamed on up the River quite Pleasant Reached the City of Memphis at 11. P.M landed went a shore drawed two Days rations for the Batt. and issued them out quite a tedious Job. lay here till 2. A.M then steamed on up the river got no rest till the Boat started. un loaded all the Cotton here and most of Passengers all of the B.W. Runyans crew got off all quiet on Boat to night

Jim

Sunday the 24th 1864 up at sunrise in good health as common weather quiet warm and Pleasant. found our selves some 20 miles above Memphis at wood yard. taking on wood took considerable quantity soon done then steamed on up the "River" all quiet nothing to attract attention. no sign of Gerrillas on on either Bank of the River. some little trouble in cabin Between some of Boys and Citizens. Passed Randolph about 12 "M" the old Rebel works entirely destroyed and lost to view. gun boat stationed here. Passed fort Pillow about 2. P.M. Place entirely Deserted the old works almost entirely obliterated run steady all day and making good time getting tired of this "old Boat" night cool and pleasant went to Bed at dark slept fine run slow sounding all the way nothing exciting at all. "Jim"

Monday the 25th "/64 up quite Early in usual good Health. Boys all well on Board the Boat. times good Boys in fine spirits full of hope &c found our selves 3 miles below new Madrid wooding again. but was soon under way with full head of steam. soon passed the City some troops there. Passed the City of "Hickman" at 10. a.m. and arrived at Columbus at noon landed few minuets looked quite familiar. arrived at Cairo at 2. P.M. landed disembarked & marched up to depot. Capt. Sayers got transportation By R.R. for Springfield. drawed (1) Days ration Boys all went to soldiers home for supper. got on Big tight made things git. lay down and tried to Sleep But could not for the nois so got up. Cairo is a hard Place. 139th Reg't. 300 day men on duty here Jim

Tuesday the 26th 1864 got aboard train at 2. a.m. Crowded full soon started slept most time till Day light nothing of Interest took Place along the Route. arrived at Centralia at 8t A.M. changed Cars had to lay over till 1. P.M spent the time as best we could. issued the rations drawed yesterday. at 1. P.M took train for Decatur at Vandalia. was informed that about 200 armed copperheads and Bush whackers led By a Lieut Col. from rebel Army was in camp near Ramsey 12 miles north. Passed through "Ramsey" saw nothing of them Boys called for them But none answered. Crops look fine wheat harvest done. arrived at Decatur at Sundown was informed Gen Oglesby was gone to Niagra falls visiting made some coffee and eat supper and went to Bed slept fine. some Boys still drunk yet. Jim

Wednesday the 27th 1864 up at 1. a.m. quite well But tired got some rest But not sufficient to make up for what we lost. 3. a.m. took train for springfield. Pleasant ride Passed Camp Butler at day Break and Arrived in few minuets at the Capitol got off reported to P.M. and was sent to soldiers home for Breakfast. 11th Ills there saw But little chance for grub went to Eating house got some thing to Eat. come Back Capt. Reported to adg't. Gen. no money here to Pay us of. wont Muster us out till there is. ordered to camp Butler. Boys all mad some say the wont go. dinner at the home. supper to. 10 PM took the train for camp Butler. Boys nearly all went out. soon arrived there got off Made Bed down on the Plot farm. and slept sound till morning Jim

Thursday 28th "/64 up Early feel Bully this morning weather quite warm for this part of the world. went into Barracks no 6. Drawed some cooking utensils. and two days rations. got good rations hired some cooks and got the machine under head way with a Prospect for good time while we stay here some Boys went Back this am to City no over half here now went round visiting came across Bill Worlan. in sutler store told me where to find Lee Craig went and hunted him up found him all right looks fine. like camp Butler fine. in good order no restrictions here at all. can go and come when and where as you Please and as Blackberries are geting ripe we will have some fine times if we stay here long. milch 5 cents per quart. every thing cheap night took a Bathe in Saugauson River Jim

Friday the 29th 1864 all well weather quite warm and sultry for this country times good. getting along quite Pleasantly took a ramble in the Country to day found some few Blackberries But not enough to Pay very strong heard that the money had come to Pay us off. hope so for I want to get home the worst way. the 11th Ills was mustered out to day. their time Just expires to day. Capt "Sayers" sent out word this evening that we would Be mustered out to morrow. at 8t A.M. and for us all to Be on hand at four. ordered all the Boys out of town guess they will all Be here as they are some what interested in the Matter themselves I know one that will Be there to answer to his name saw Rocke Robins Been sick but getting Better. no news here.

"Jim"

Saturday the 30th "/64 Health good as usual Boys all well. weather warm. "very" Boys came flocking into camp Early this A.M. got out of Patience waiting for the Capt. and Mustering officer to come out. Arrived about noon formed Battalion in shade in Alphabetical order and commenced mustering them out By companies soon got through and Pronounced us Citizens of the United States again. thanked him. Capt gave us orders to report to City By 8. A.M. to morrow to sign Pay rolls most Boys walked to City some went in Racks &c staid and to took 6. P.M. train soon arrived at City went hunted up Boarding house found one near the west Depot. or what they Pleased to call one. and took boarding for a few days to wait the Pleasure of Pay Department night went up City Bought hat ($2.50) Kerchief ($1.00) and returned went to Bed. Jim

Sunday the 31st 1864 up quite Early feel fine Breakfast quite late. thought it would never come. Hungry as a bear the first thawout in the spring the weather Pleasant. slight shower of rain last night. signed the Pay roll this morning slow work "Company G" had to make out a new set. spoiled first ones noon went to Dinner good Grub much better than usual. no Prospect of Pay very soon Boys Been to all the Departments in the City from the Governor's down all say they cant hurry the matter the least.

after noon took walk out to camp Yates quite refreshing to to get out in the country a free man. returned Eat supper went to the Baptist Church heard a very good sermon not very many out. But few soldiers went some went to Bed and rested fine no news in City.

Jim

August 1st 1864 up at the usual hour in the full enjoyment of the Best of health weather cool and Pleasant hard shower of rain. Just Poured down. some little hail streets full of water for a while soon run off. went up to town made arrangements with the 1st National Bank to get our money. they a greed to Pay us of at two Per cent discount. if the Pay master would let them have the rolls to Pay by saw the Boys agreed to it. so did the Pay master But advised us not to do it yet Said we would get our money in a day or two any way. thought it would be here By morning. told us to come By 8. A.M. and he would telll us all about it. concluded to wait and see how things look in the morning. Maj Wilson went to figuring up the rolls &c went home supper went to bed no news in City Jim

Tuesday the 2nd 1864 all right weather Pleasant Boys reported at 9.A.M Maj told us he had Just received ($100,000) and would Pay us off as soon as the money could Be counted. left with instructions to get the Boys together by two oclock P.M. 2. P.M. assembled at 1st. National Bank received our Pay Discharge &c Received 170 dollars a 35 cents feel now like a free man went and Paid Board Bill ($9.00) for three days Board supper in went to Jugmire gallery. ordered one "Dog" Photos for Mercer Paid for them ordered them to Be Expressed to vicksburg night went to the Depot. Bought ticket for Bloomington ($1.25) Military took train at 8t P.M. and arrived at Bloomington at 12 P.M. took Buss for American house. took Bed for the rest of the night (25. cts for Buss ride) Jim

Wednesday the 3d "/64 up Early health good feel fine weather Cool and Pleasant went up town looked around awhile Bought suit of Clothes. for the little sum. of ($40.00) pair of Boots for 8t got scared went Back to "tavern" Paid Bill ($100) saw a man from Kansas saw Fathers folk few days ago all well going Back soon told him to tell them I was all right &c

got a chance to ride out home with a man from Leroy. arrived at Delta. a 1. P.M. at Holloway at 1.30. Paid him 25. cts for ride out. got Dinner Rush went to Prugeys. went out on the Prairie with uncle Jim Back to Holloways supper went to Aunt Magrets. then to Uncle Porters & Back to Holloways and staid all night rested fine had one good nights rest feel like a free man now. no news from front. Jim

Thursday 4th up Early. health good. weather quite Pleasant. went up to the City with Uncle Porter Craig spent the day in town loafing round Bought 2 white shirts two collars one Pair of suspenders for 6. dollars and 50 cts went Down to Kate Duckets and got Dinner. went up town went to Henry Keerans took them some letters that "Greg" sent By Me from Vicksburg Come Back to town waited on Uncle Porter till I got out of Patience. looks like rain went and Bought umberrella for Mrs Wagstaff, finaly Uncle Porter came started out home at 5. P.M. commenced. and rained on us all the way out. did not get much wet give my Rubber to the Ladies no news of interest in town times good every thing prospering Jim

Friday the 5th 1864 up Early in fine state of health good spirits. feel quite lone some. went down to Uncle Ikes staid while went to uncle Porter's. sent for me to help them Bind oats offered me $2.00 per day went and Bound the rest of the day oats quite green very weedy &c made my hands very sore wore the skin of in some Places But stuck to it all day hands a little scarce had to work most to hard to suit an ex soldier late commenced raining some shocked up quit and went home Eat supper and Put up for the night had a Bid to work to morrow But Could not see it. dont want Money that Bad yet did not rain much no news in circulation of any import copperheads seem to Be very quiet at present "Jim"

Saturday the 6th 1864 up at usual hour all right weather warm and sultry went home wrote a letter to L't. R.F. Mercer sent him the Receipt for the Photographs went down to Delta mailed the letter staid for Dinner returned at 2. P.M. went to Uncle Ike's in good humor as common. went over to uncle Porter's late Clouded up and looked like rain for a while then went round turned some little cooler towards night. went Back home no news to day of interest

dry Place out here so dull no excitement at all feel so lone some all the time Plenty of Company all the time too. guess I can manage to get along some how or other Jim

Sunday Aug. 7th 1864 up Early as common. Health Remarkably good at the Present Weather quite warm and sultry for the clime and season the Citizens complain considerable of the intensity of the Heat.

Put on "store" "goods" and went up to the "Union" Church With Mollie Holloway to sabbath school at 9. oclock. teachers scarce By request to Charge of testament class. got a long fine Bro. "Russel" Come. left appointment for 3.30 P.M. dismissed went to Mr Wagstaffs and took dinner after which went to Church Brother Russel Preached good sermon. asked me to go up in the "Pulpit" with him declined. "called on me to Conclude any way. Come Back. went to Mr. P.s a little while. went home the night quite warm. went to Bed Early rested fine "Jim"

Monday the 8th 1864 up at the dawn of day feel fine. Weather warm. went out to help uncle "Jim" "Weaver" & Jim Cawden thresh got to work tolerable Early. Pitched to the teams in the field hard work weather very warm and sultry. could not run long at a time. horses could not stand the Pressure. had a plenty of hands got along as finely as the weather would admit of. threshed over (500) Bushel of oats got done before dark. quit and went home as did not like to commence the wheat so late and had no place to put it any how hands Blistered in Several Places. Most to sore to work. But to late to Back out now. no news to day from any quarter all quiet times good as common Jim

Tuesday 9th "/64 all right. except My hands some little sore. weather still warm. and sultry got out. and got an Early start at threshing got along Briskly as the extremity of the weather would admit of hands very sore this morning rather uncomfortable Pitching Worked steadly all day threshed over (300) Bushel got Done Before night some little time went home Eat supper &c Jim Cawden Paid me for two days threshing and one of Binding oats ($4.00) four dollars all I charged him

offered me more. am satisfied fied with work now for a few days till hands get well no news to day from any quarter. Grants & Shermans situations Perfectly Satisfactory considered quite safe. People confident. Cop's excepted Jim

Wednesday the 10th "/64 Health good as usual. feel Bully to day in fine spirits weather warm uncomfortably so went to Delta to go to the City went up with Bill McCain. went in a hurry. got in Early. looked round over town a while traded some Bought trunk five ($5.00) Dollars linen Coat $3.00 Dollars Bottle Ink ten cents no news in town Came out about noon with Uncle McCain. so hot Drove quite slow all the way out. arrived at home about 4. P.M. found Green Clark there suppose to be a deserter from the Rebel army. heard some time ago that he was in the Rebel Army. he Denies ever Being in . Claimed to have Been in the service of U S as a Citizen Teamster. dont believe aword he says. Privs C. & E. Jessee, Prisnors taken at Blackriver May 17th "/63 so learned from Green. Jim

Thursday the 11th 1864 all well this morning weather very warm. and sultry went with green down to Uncle Ike's Staid there till after Dinner. then went to Uncle Porter's they treated Green rather cooly. 2. P.M. commenced raining rained about 3 hours Part of the time quite Brisk then slacked up. went to Delta "Green" stuck along Gave him the dodge came home got letter from Mother for Aunt Matt. all well Matt. Married. 3d day of July last. let her go it if she is the youngest Plenty of time for old Jim yet

went to Pringeys to see Mr Rush about going up to the City of Lexington to morrow to the Picnic But was not at home. guess he wont go left word for him to come down early in the morning went Back home no news to day Jim

Friday the 12th "/64 up Early in the Best of health fine spirits &c weather warm and Pleasant fixed up put on store goods and went up to the City of Bloomington with Mrs. Craig. "Esy" got into the City late looked round little & walked down to western Depot.

2 P.M. took train for Lexington fare 70 cents and was landed in the City in a short time found J. Mahan Abe McCullough & J. Dawson had good time with them J and I went out and staid over night with Johnsy. about amile from town had a good time. took shot guns fowling But killed nothing night rained some went to Bed late But slept fine after we got Done talking very heavy thunder storm. All quiet to Day Jim

Saturday the 13th "/64 all well. weather cool and quite Pleasant this morning. Caught out horse apiece and went to Lexington staid there a short time. then started for Pleasant Hill to the Picnic arrived at 10. a.m. found quite a number of the natives assemble to see and Be seen. and hear what would Be said. saw nearly all the mustered out Boys from our Company. got crowd together had some nice singing a short speech by Rev. _____ gave the copperheads Particular fits.

adjourned for dinner Eat with A.N. Mathery and Lady. had very good Dinner. after which had an able speech By Rev. Evans of Lexington. had no mercy for copperheads and traitors over went home with Mathery. and staid all night J. S. Wiley set up with Miss Armold. slept fine all night Jim

Sunday the 14th 1864 in usual state of Health weather quite warm. went up the timber some ten miles to a Basket meeting. went in a wagon. Rough Road. was there in good time to Be Bored aBout to hours By old "Winset" "United Brethern" quite a large turn out of the Natives. all strangers to me. after sermon. Beged for some "money" went to Mr Wileys Johns Father and took Dinner. Eat hearty was hungry. Plenty of good Aples to Eat

after noon went Back to the ground heard another sermon By after which we started home. got there about sun down. walked out to grave yard. came in . and went to Bed Early. was tired J. Wiley. set up with Miss Arnold again till late no news Jim

Monday the 15th 1864 in as good health as usual weather warm yet. getting impatient to get Back though I was never used Better any where than here. got some things I sent up here last winter & Bid the folks good Bye. they Insisted on me staying longer But I declined Invited me to come Back again. started for Lexington. an hour or two walk Brought me to the City. cooled off with glass of Ice lemonade. met with J Mahan went down to his Fathers with him and took Dinner took the train at 2. P.M. for Bloomington was soon there Bill Holderness went up with me. got a chance to ride out Home. loaned J. Cowden & Wes Brown 30 dolars to pay for Machine. Promised to pay back to morrow came on out home got there a little after dark Jim

Tuesday the 16th "/64 feel quite well this morning. weather cool and Pleasant times Dull nothing to Interest or to assist to wear away the tedious hours. spent Part of the fore noon writing to Kill time

J Cowden came and Paid me the 30 Dollars Borrowed yesterday according to promise which suited me very well.

after noon. went down to Uncle Porters visiting spent the after noon. talking Eating apples &c. staid till after supper late P.M. turned quite cool came home no news of local nature of any interest no war news at all times very Dull to me. feel so lonesome Jim

Wednesday 17th "/64 Health good. right side up with ease. weather very cool to Day went out to Dr Craigs found them rather unwell Dr had Been quite sick some

little Better Staid till after dinner had good talk over matters and things. after noon went out to Mrs Woodcocks Saw Willa staid there awhile then came Back to the Drs got some likenesses then went on home.

news that the Rebs have crossed the Ohio. River at Shawnee. town (1,500) strong and that the Governor has called for (1,000) men for State service. also that Capt. I "Wilmett" is authorized to raise a Reg't. for that Purpose am glad to learn that the Johnnies are coming. will wake the cops. up some I think Just what we need now. Jim

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Heat Kerchief &c	$5	00
Board Bill	3	00
fare to Bloomington	2	50
Suit Clothes	40	00
pair Boots	8	00
tavern Bill	1	00
shirts, suspenders & collars	6	50
trunk & Ln Coat	8	00
fare to Lexington & back	2	00
pair gloves	1	75
show expenses	2	00
1"Dog" Photographs	3	00
		75
for Union flag	1	00

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June 3d 1864

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I was Born in Illinois Mclean County Empire Township on the 8th day of march 1838 where I resided until the fall of fifty four when in company with my Father's family I removed to Kansas territory where I resided until the summer of fifty seven when I returned to Illinoise where I now reside during the winter of fifty Eight and nine I attended A protracted meeting at the Union church in old town timber, held by the Cumberland Presbyterians where under the influence of God's spirit, through the administration of his word By the Rev. A.J. Thomas I was Brought to see and realize my state and standing as it was before Christ when I commenced to seek him whom my soul desired to love after mourning as the Dove and chattering as the Swallow for about the space of two weeks I was made to realize the joys of his salvation in a feeling sense of pardoned sins. and on the twenty ninth day of January (1859) I made a public profession of faith in Christ. and on the 16th day of February "/59 I united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and was baptized by the Rev. A. J. Thomas, then pastor of the old town congregation. and on the twenty fourth day of september 1859 I was received under the care of the Mackinaw Presbytery as a candidate for the Ministry and was ordered to prepare a written discourse as a part of trial for the examination of the next presbytery. from Isaih fifty fifth chapter and sixth verse March the 30th 1860 met Presbytery at sugar Creek congregation logan Co Ill's read A discourse from Isaih 55th chap. 6th ver. and was sustained was ordered to prepare a second discourse, from Col. 1st chap 28th verse. September the 20th 1860 Met Presbytery at Stouts Grove read a discourse from Col. 1st=28th and was sustained as part of trial. was ordered to prepare A discourse from Romans 4th chap. 24th verse

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January the 4th 1860 preached at Union Church at Old Town Timber from Isaih fifty fifth Chapter and 6th ver.
at Union Church Jan. the 10th Neh. 4th Chap. 6th verse
At Union Church Jan the 29th Eccl. Chap 12th. 13-14th verses
At Union Church Feb. the 24th Isaih. 62nd Chap. 1st verse
At the Cox School House Blooming Grove April the 5th "/60 from Isaiah 55th Chap. 6th verse
At the Cox school House in Blooming grove April the 22nd - John 11th chap. 35th verse
At the Cox school House Blooming grove May the 13th "/60 from Hebrews 11th Chapter 24-26 verses
At the Cox school House Blooming grove May the 27th "/60 from Hebrews 2nd chap. 1st-3d verses
At the Cox school House Blooming grove June the 10th. Job the 21st Chap. - 15th verse
At the Cox School House in Blooming grove June the 24th from Hebrews 12th Chapter. 1st verse; 1st clause of 2nd
At the Dr Craig school House June the 24th 8.Oclock. P.M. from Joshua the 1st Chapter part of 11th verse
At the Cox School House Blooming grove July the 22nd. "/60 from Joshua the 1st Chap. part of 11th verse
At Calafornia grove August the 18th, at 4 oclock, PM. from Heb. Chapter 11th 24th and 25th ver.
At the Britten school House Sept. the 18th. 8- P.M. from Matthew 24th chap 44th verse
At the Britten school House, Oct. the 7th, at 7 P.M. from Job, chapter 19th, verse 25th
At Dr Craig's school House Dec. the 2nd, 7 oclock. P.M. from Matt. 24th chap. 44th verse
At Dr Craig's school House Dec. the 16th, at 7, Oclock P.M. from Acts 20th chap. 26-27th verses.

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Thursday the 18th. 1864

In usual state of Health weather warm and Pleasant. up Early feel dull and lone some van Mikle came after me to asist him about some threshing said it would only take an hour or so promised to go. went down. took till noon worked hard. Eat some Water melons and then came home for dinner. Could of got some dinner there But his wife had gone of to Sunday School CeleBration afternoon went to Delta after Mail But got none for "Jim" news of an other Grand flank move of Grants which Puts him in seven miles of Rich Mond. It was a grand success. raid in Ill's likely to Prove grand failure. no news of interest. Jim

Friday the 19th 1864

all well, times lively, weather cool and Pleasant. went down to Uncle Porters on some Business staid till after Dinner. Came Back home had some visetors Aunt Lory. and Margret Savidge late in Evening Charley Rutledge came along and told us there had Been a fight in the East that Capt. C. Williams was killed. said Paper was down at Delta. went Down and got the Paper started up to Uncle Porters. met him going after the Paper let

him read it. Came home Eat supper then went to the spring school hous to meeting of the league all went off well Came home went to Bed Jim

[Pages 10-12 are blank in the diary. The next several daily accounts are on loose pages in the files related to these diaries.]

Friday the 19th 1864

In good health as usual weather cool and pleasant times good went down to A P Craig's staid for "Dinner" Came home. had company Aunt Lory & M Savidge ... night C Rutledge came a long and reported that C Williams was killed went to office and got the Paper came Back went to A P C.—— met him going after the Paper. came home and went to spring School house to ——. all went of well came home all right Jim

Sat the 20th, 1864

In good health Weather warm and Pleasant Put on store good and went out to Dr. Craig's Found sick some little Better staid for Dinner Then went on out to Woodcocks Staid all afternoon Went to Leroy Took wagon load girls Dident stay long Came Back Had good time generally and a Pleasant visit to take it all round. Jim

Sunday 21st "/64

up late. Health good. Weather pleasant. Spent the day in house Miss Cox came down to see us But went home again. J Savidge came afternoon 4 Oclock Went to school hous to sabbath School Had Pleasant time Took girls Back home. and went home. Jim

Saw several old acquantances. was in the Best of spirits Think I can stand it to endure the life of a Citizen.

Monday the 22nd "/64

All well Weather Pleasant. Quite dry and Dusty started to town early (Holloway paid me 38 dollars money received of J. Keeran) Got to town quite Early. great many people in town All come up to see the Big show. Went to —— gallary Had a negative taken for 1. doz Photographs ($3.00) Afternoon 2 o'clock went to the show 50 cts admittance. Incidental 25 cts. Whole (3.75) Made some arrangements about Procuring arms of Gov Yates for company. Saw good many friends in town Came home allright Got there shortly after Dark. Jim

Tuesday the 23rd 1864

In good health Weather Pleasant. Times lively commenced to write a letter Ink wouldent go Got mad and quit Went down to Keeran's Staid a while Came Back spent the afternoon reading no news of any interst in circulation here Some Copperheads charging aBout their boys enlisting in the Army. also mad Because Gov Yates has call for a Reg't. for state Service. Jim

Wednesday the 24th

Up early. in usual health Weather quite warm "Some indications of rain soon" went to work Early helping Bob Ball stack Holloway's wheat Worked hard all day Got out seven Big loads Built one Rick fair sized. got home just at dark Eat supper and went down to spring School house Meeting of league Had good time considerable debate adjourned very late after doing considerable Business. Quite tired Jim

Thursday the 25th 1864

In good Health as usual weather warm quite Heavy rain fell this A.M. "3" oclock quite muddy Went to Bloomington with Wm Bellew Got along slow Broke down Borrowed wagon and went on got there noon went to —— gallery and ordered him to finish up Photos. then got in the wagon with John Cowden and came out home a little tired weather warm Indication of more rain soon Jim

Friday the 26th 1864

In good Health. weather cool and Pleasant Heavy rain last night. or rather this a.m. fell in torrents. with tremendous heavy Thunder Went to "Delta" took Mrs Savidge Pair of Pants to remoddle Staid till nearly noon came home Rev. R D Taylor there. Staid for Dinner Bought book of him (35) cts. Mrs & Miss Pringey visiting P.M. later went to aunt Margarets
Staid a while came Home went to Bed. Jim

Sat. the 27th

Health good Weather quite cool Meeting at the Church did not go staid at home Wrote a letter to J.H.R. transcribed part of journal P.M. went to Post office. mail came. Mary Williams got a letter from the Reg't. confirming his Death also stating he would Be sent Home look for Him soon times "dull" nothing to Do almost got the Blues to day. hope to get into Business Before long for I cant endure this "Enui" much longer. Jim

Sunday the 28th 1864

Well as usual in tolerable good spirits Put on sunday rig and went with Mollie up to the union to Sunday School. Took no Part School voted on going to celebration 21st Sep't. But made no conclusion laid over to next sabbath. Preaching at 11 A.M. by Rev A Cox good Discourse went on Prairie with M. Stanwood. took Dinner at E Woods. went on out to Brick sunday school at four. by Request took charge of young Ladies Bible class "Good time" 5 P.M. Sermon By Rev Finkbine Went home with MW ——. Eat dinner. Eat some melons. went up to Mr Cox's and Back again. set up till after 1. a.m. very Pleasant time. Came home. Got in bed just at 3. A.M. had some little sleep no news to day.

Jim

Monday August. 29th 1864

up quite Early in good Health as usual. feel little sleepy and drowsey Being up rather late last night. Breakfast Early. Mr. Bopps & Belle Savidge Drove down for Mollie and I. got in carriage. went to office. took in Jane Montgomery. went to City for Show. was in town Early spent forenoon in running around. went to Ice cream saloon got some Ice cream. Lemonade &c. went up to gallery & got our "Photographs" then went down to Show ground, and went into to Side Shows. Both humbugs dident try to get in the "circus" town full of "People" couldent all get in the canvas that had tickets. staid till night. went into night show. crowded. Performance very good. came out went home got there at 12. Oclock. tired. and $2.00 worse the wear. went to Bed. and Slept Sound rest of night "Jim"

Tuesday the 30th "/64

In usual state of Health. weather cool and Pleasant "for the Season" times very good. nothing to do to day. went with Uncle Jim. to A.P.C.s helped uncle Porter load log on wagon. hard work. then started to City of Leroy with Uncle Jim. got pretty near there met McCain coming Back no lumber sawed. Uncle turned Back went on into town with uncle "Porter" went to the Mill helped un load his log. went up in town saw several of my old acquaintences. in town sometime Rode out to Dr Craigs with will McCain in spring wagon went in saw Dr. Sick aBout the same. waited till Uncle "Porter" came and then went home with him. and then went to Holloways no news of interest "Jim"

Wednesday 31st "/64

In usual good Health Weather quite Pleasant. health good as common in the Neighborhood. times dull nothing to do for amusement. forenoon went Plumming. after noon went out timber with uncle Jim. talked some of cropping with him next season. late went out on the Prairie. stoped at "Prices" lot of copperheads there. night. learned that the cops at "chicago" had nominated "McClellan" for "President" Jim

Thursday September 1st 1864

in usual good health times dull to day. weather warm. rained some this morning But soon Cleared away. Mr. McCain and Miss Graff accompanied by Mr B Colow and Matt Savidge went up to Bloomington to get Married. spent the forenoon in reading and writing Dull times

after noon went down to uncle Ike's E Graff came down. had few hours of Pleasant Chat. he had to go Back home to the wedding supper. went down to Delta after mail got none for Jim. some for Holloways Chicago Convention Nominated G.B. McClellan for President. "Pendleton" Ohio for Vice. a worse Cop than old vol. who was these and cut a Biger swathe as any of the other traitors. Jim

Friday the 2nd "/64

In good health as common the weather very Hot and Sultry for the season of Year feel quite lonesome to day nothing to Do. spent the day in transcribing my Journal wrote steady all day. got a long slow. tedious work. late in the afternoon went to Delta. Engaged the Squire's Buggy to go to Town tomorrow Straitened up subscription Paper for the flag. collected some more money. night went to spring School House. to meeting of "Leauge" agreed to Put up Pole Seventy five feet high, flag 9. By. 18. feet Received in all $14.55. towards it. Business Dull. But few out. went Home late rained on us some. meet next Tuesday night again. to complete arrangements &c. no news Jim

Saturday the 3d 1864

Weather Extremely hot and Sultry. went to Delta got carriage Drove Back home got Aunt Marthy and started again. stoped at Delta took in Mr Savidge and drove on up to the city. few minutes to late for the train went to Station House But could not find Mrs Story. Drove on up to Humphreys Store and found her there according to previous arrangements. times good in the City. Business lively. had a difficulty with some Copperheads. old Nath. Britton. Nagle &c But Came of Victorious as usual had all the sympathy on my side done some trading for the Women. Uncle Mills &c. went Home with "John Baynum" got Dinner. Back to Store. got "Shaved" 15 cts. hitched up and Started for home at 1. P.M. So hot had to Drive slow. got home at 4. P.M. took buggy home. came Back. went to uncle Porters with "uncle" Jim. and staid all night.

News of the Capture of Fort Morgan. Mobile harbor confirmed. current report of the capture of Atlanta By "Sherman" Big fight. Rebs forced to Evacuate. or Be captured hope it May Prove true. signs of times very favorable at the present. Copperheads counciling Moderation. no local News "Jim"

Sunday the 4th 1864

In good health weather "warm" But some cooler than yesterday. and Bears rather a Nebulous aspect. with indications of rain "soon" again spent the forenoon in reading and talking &c Sam. "Mitchel" came Just before dinner. But very little to say. no Politics. after Dinner fixed up went out on the Prairie. stoped at Dr Craig's awhile. Dr. some Better. Child worse. 4. P.M. went with "Ella" to Sabbath school at the Brick School House. not many there. had charge of the young Ladies Class. had an interesting time Closed Just before Dark. started home. quite cloudy and threating rain. took "Ella" home. then went on home. got there a little after dark soon commenced raining rained hard Part of the night no news to day foreign or Local. went to Bed. slept fine.

"Jim"

Monday the 5th 1864

up quite Early feel Bully. Weather cool. Drizzly. and disagreeable went up to "Bloomington" with "John McCain" Bought the material to make our flag. to Put up at Delta. cost Just $19.00. advanced forty cents. which was made up Before I left the City. But little of Interest going on in the City to day Court In Cession. Convention met to nominate county officers. Saw several of my old soldier friends and associates. had a good time generaly went and saw Col. "Roe" about making us a speech at our Pole "raising" next "saturday" next. said he would come if he could. But thought it would Be "impossible" Saw Mr H.A. "Ewing" made arrangements with Him. to come, and Procure the Service of Such other able Speakers as he could.
had a difficulty with a copperhead. came near having a fight would if he had not took Back what he said. soon started out home got in Buggy and rode to North side of Old Town. then walk to Delta, made arrangments to make flag on Thursday, next. came on Home. Jim

Tuesday the 6th 1864

In usual health. Health in the Neighborhood as good as common times good and lively. Politics on the rise. and Bid high to run high during the Campaign this fall. nothing to do to day. went out to Dr Craig's and found the Dr. in a Bad state of Health. was taken worse at 1. last night. "Baby" worse no hopes of its recovery. Could not attend to the Business I went to Do Dr to Poorly. went on to "Woodcocks" all well. took Dinner with them and Staid till nearly night. Brought one of my Books away. Stoped at Dr's short time Invited all the "ladies" to "flag" making. got Home about Dark went to Spring School House to a meeting made a final report on "Flag" staid late. got done Business No news of any Interest. Ewing Nominated for "Sherif" Jim

Wednesday the 7th 1864

weather warm and cloudy times dull. no Excitement went out to field this morning Examined wheat & oats to wet to stack yet. would spoil. stoped at aunt Margarets. a little while then went to uncle Porters all gone. came Home Eat Dinner. then went out in the woods with uncle Jim. helped him Hew sill for his House had a slight shower of rain and threatning more soon. went to "Delta" late in the P.M. Daily came. no news of special interest. reported that "John Morgan" was killed in a recent fight in "Tenn." Mrs. Savidge wanted me to move the "flag making" from there to Hollaways. then changed her mind again. and Said to let them come. no Local news of Interest. all quiet on the "Kickapoo"
"Jim"

Thursday the 8th "/64

weather Clear, warm and Pleasant. with Indications of fair weather for a few days to come. times lively Business Brisk. 9.30. a.m. took the flag and went down to "Delta" found two Mrs Teters waiting for work. went to work to cutting out "flag" Mrs Twining came and went to work allso Misses Ella Craig. S. Spangler, A. Pringey. "Sarah Gordon" & Mary Hollaway. all went to work got along fine. afternoon Aunt Mag. Weaver. and Miss S.E. Teter. came and worked. hands rather scarce for a general Invitation. Did not get quite Done. girls all went home But Miss Gordon. Mrs Twining and Girl Came Back. all worked at night. had flag nearly done when I left at 10. P.M. committee Brought the Pole to Day and Squire went to work to Splice it. every thing ready now. for opperation. will have a Bully time "Saturday" had a good time to Day. lots of fun. Pleasant time generaly

Ben Collow & Matt. Savidge married Early this morning and came up to Collows for "Dinner" not a very Big todo aBout it a few Cops Invited. no news to Day of Interest understand the cops. are going to Put up "flag" at Taylor Halls "Jim"

Friday the 9th 1864

Health very good weather warm and clear times Dull went down to "Delta" flag nearly done. Miss Gordon at work at it. came Home for Dinner. went with Deacon out in the woods to hew sills late went Down to "Prices" Esq then out on the Prairie to the farm to got some watermelon came Home after Dark. no news to Day of any Interest foreign of "Local" all quiet on the Kickapoo.
Jim

Saturday the 10th 1864

was taken severely ill about 2. A.M. with something like the "Choleralnarbus" felt miserable all day. little cloudy and slight shower of rain. Early this a.m. went down to Delta fixed and commenced to raise the "Pole" not enough there to put it up Proped it. and went to Dinner. afternoon went down Plenty there Put Pole up quite a turn out of the People 2.30 Speaking commenced By Dr. Roe. good speech then H A "Ewing" made us a speech interspersed with fun & wit. to wake up the audience. then Mr Hardacher was called on & responded in a few Brief and telling remarks on the Cops

Incidental quite a number of the Copperheads out some seemed to take the speeches all right. a drunken fool came a long "hurrahing" for McClellan, and disturbing the audience. some little Boys took after him and stoned him away. had a good time generaly every thing went off smoothe and nice and satisfactory "Jim"

Sunday the 11th 1864

up Early. feel some Better. But not the Best yet. weather Clear. warm. and pleasant Holloways all went to Hayworth Put on Sunday clothes went up to U. church good discourse By the Rev. A Cox. his farewell semon to the old Town congregation. after which done some church Business appointed A. P. Craig to represent us in Presbytery and James Weaver as alternate. church

over. congregation dismissed. went home with Dr. Craig's took Dinner. had some talk. sent in a Petition to Join the Fremasons. also Seven ($7.00) Dollars as advanced fees. 4. P.M. got in the Carriage with the Children. went out to the Brick to Sabbath "School" not many out. no school. Broke school up for this "season" went Back to Dr's then out to "Woodcocks" took a ride out through the country to Leroy. old Town and Back home after midnight staid till nearly 3.a.m. then came home got to Bed at 5. a.m. and sleep. dont think I will Be caught out soon again. no news of any "Interest" Gave 2 dollars to Rev. A Cox. Jim

Monday the 12th 1864

In very good health. feel Dull. weather warm and Clear helped Holloway Stack wheat. and oats. worked moderate all day. got along fine. no news to day of any interest. rumored that "Mobile" has Been captured. not official. times about the same. Plenty of work to Do But not Much of a will to Doit. wages good. cash up. "Jim"

Tuesday the 13th "/64

feel fine. weather warm and Pleasant Cloudy and a little windy, helped Holloway finish Stacking oats & stacked some hay got done a little Before night took Hay rigging down to Craig's came Back to Uncle Ikes stoped a while Eat supper. Saw "Bill Wilson" got Home at 3. a.m. discharged for disability. By reason of a Broken arm. gave him no Pension got a "lawyer" Employed to get it for him. "John" "McCain" and "Mary" Ketterman" was married to Day. no Particulars no news of any Interest to day. "No War News" times Lively "Jim"

Wednesday the 14th "/64

In good Health as common. up Early. weather clear But cool and pleasant. commenced cutting corn this A.M. for Holloway at 8 cts per Shock 12 hills square worked hard all day. cut 35 Shocks. corn heavy and a little green made $2.60 think will get rich at the Business. times very good generaly. no news of any Interest in circulation war news scarce to day copperheads quiet. sent up to Bloomington By Uncle Mills and drawed the money that he had deposited in the Bank for me ($190.00) Jim

Thursday 15th "/64

in good Health. feel a little sore to day. weather clear and a little to warm to Be pleasant. cut corn again. cut 35 Shocks. was right tired when night came. was Bothered some. worked till dark, hard work goes prety tough now no news from the Army to day all quiet on the Kickapoo. no excitement to day "Jim"

Friday the 16th "/64

all right But a little sore. cut corn again 9.a.m. had to quit cutting and go after the Doctor for "Kate Ducket" for Dr. Prunty. found him at Squire Prices sent him down and went Back to work. cut till noon, started to dinner was told that Kate had an other heir. after Dinner went Back. Cut 11 shocks. all the corn that was ripe enough, 26 shocks to day went to the creek washed off and came home no news. went to spring school house to meeting of the "League" not many out. Motion carried for the league to meet in open council to morrow night week, to have speaking and Patriotic singing was appointed one of a committee to make arrangements about singing &c no news to day of interest "Jim"

Saturday the 17th "/64

feel quite sore to day weather Pleasant. Put on store goods went over to "Bishop School house" to sabbath school Celebration. met at school house. formed and marched to the grove. was apppointed to carry the flag. declined it was insisted on. consented. marched to grove had some short speeches by Judge McClun, Mr Fogle and Rev. Mr. Bishop then a good dinnner and Plenty of It. little shower of rain. then a speech By Mr. H.A Ewing. I then made a Public announcement of our meeting at the spring and Invited all to attend was dismissed. Staid there till nearly night quite a turnout of people Especialy the girls had a good time. &c. "Big Copper head rally in town to day Big delegation of fifteen voters went from Leroy not much of a turnout several fights was warned that our flag was in danger got a revolver and several of us went down to guard it. looked like rain coming up soon. went out and helped Mr Savidge hack up 10,000 Brick soon done rained some could see no danger of any attempt to cut Pole down went home and went to Bed. tired after doing nothing all day no news "Jim"

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Pitition returned without Being Put in for Prudential reasons & suspect to me.

Sunday the 18th "/64

in very good health to day weather cool and Pleasant went down to Delta. Early in the morning in search of a Powder flask lost last night found it at the Brick kiln. came Back home. Holloway right sick was taken in the night. Some of the McClellanites Just getting home this morning. "look" "Blue" went to "Keerans" took Wilsons revolver home. staid for Dinner then went to A.P. Craig's took supper and staid till Bed time made arrangements to go to sale tomorrow with J. Gardner. came home. No news of any great Interest in Circulation no war news "Jim"

Monday the 19th "/64

up Early. feel Bully. Borrowed a horse of Holloway

rode out near Benjaminville to Mr. "Thompsons" to a sale quite a lot of old Machinery & trumpery of various kinds sold. some stock went reasonable. But none of the kind I wanted. did not buy left before the sale was out and came home went down to Delta. consdiderable news in the Paper. the Mexican Gen. Cartinas crossed Into Texas. Drove the Rebels out of Brownsville. hoisted the Stars & stripes and offered the service of himself and army to the United States

weather cool & Pleasant to day light frost last night. the first for the season. done no Damage "Jim"

Tuesday the 20th 1864

up Early. in good Health weather quite Pleasant. times very dull to day. nothing to do or rather dont feel like doing it went out to Dr. "Craigs" found him in some Better state of health than for the last few days Child gradualy failing Eat Dinner there. went to Leroy. to Big Rally. Delegation from Bloomington with Big flag. rode over with H. "Adams" not a very large turn out. good Interest manifested By Audience Able Addresses By Judge Holt & Mr "Collum" give the Copperheads particular fits. not very many out to hear him their arguments were simple. and convincing to any reasonable and intelligent mind. rode Some in flag wagon. no news of any Interest. no war news to day "Jim"

Wednesday the 21st "/64

in usual good Health. that of Neighborhood very good Generaly. Weather quite pleasant times lively went to Protestant Church to Sabbath School celebration quite turn out. good speaking and singing. good "Dinner, &c" staid till nearly night came home. heard that the news came to Bloomington last night that Grant. had taken Petersburg with a loss of 2,000 and still fighting no more news. Jim

Thursday the 22nd 1864

Times about the same. Health generaly good. the weather quite pleasant in the forenoon went out to Mrs Woodcocks Early in the morning to assist in threshing their wheat. Machine had not come. cut some wood went to Ed. Brown's. to see when they would come also to get some hands promised to come in morning got two hands went Back Eat Dinner. hitched up to the wagon and took "Mary" and "Lew's" wife to "Leroy" staid till after the mail. wind. very high. dust terrible very disagreeable. News of Sheridans Great victory over Early. (3,000) prisnors. 5 Cannon. and fifteen stand of Colors all the killed & wounded in our hands "Jim"

Friday the 23d 1864

up Early in good health done up work got ready to thresh weather warm with prospect of rain soon hands came on. "plenty" set Machine. and went to work soon finished had 72 Bushels. Eat Dinner. Mrs. "Woodcock" gave me money to pay the hands off. some would not take any commenced to rain after Dinner rained a while then ceased hauled some of the wheat up to the house & put it away. Covered the rest up &c commenced raining again rained till night. offered to pay me made no charge. old Lady mad. &c started home at 4. got there Before dark got a letter. no news. Jim

Saturday 24th 1864

In usual health Weather very cool and disagreeable Borrowed hoses and went up East of Benjaminvill to Mr "Hitches" to a sale. very disagreeable riding terms of Sale. 12 Months Credit. nothing there I wanted a few Horses But none the kind I want. so My trip was for Nix. good Many People there things went high. any amount of old Machinery. and. Farming implements sold. considerable stok &c. Came Back home Eat supper went to Spring School house to Public meeting of the "League" had good time. some singing speaking &c. Made arrangements for the future offered this resolution as a question for discussion at our next meeting "Resolved that a vigorous Prosecution of the War, is the most speedy way of Effecting its termination and securing and Honorable Peace" offered a motion that two Men Be chosen. to Prepare themselves for the Discussion of the same at our next meeting. Carried. C. S. Hall and J.W. Jessee was chosen as speakers after some preliminarys ajourned t meet next Sat. Eve. with a Pressing Invitation to the Democracy to Come out.

Sunday the 25th "/64

In usual Health weather pleasant But windy staid at home fore noon. Aunt Nancy came down went out to Dr Craig's Eat Dinner. Mr Case & Wife. will Craig & wife there Dr about the same. child failing cannot last long 3. P.M. took Miss "Ella" and started to school house to church. heard there would Be none changed and went to Mr Smiths. several yongsters there. staid till nearly Dark. came Back to Dr's and staid all Night. no news of any import or unusual Interest to day. war news makes Sheridans victory More Brilliant as the facts are gathered in. took over ten (10,000) thousand prisnors in cluding killed & wounded. our loss light army prospering Every where. times good "Jim"

Monday the 26th 1864

up Early this morning. "feel fine" weather very pleasant to day. went to Woodcocks before breakfast. loaded up wagon with wheat. done up chores. Eat Breakfast. hitched up team drove up to house. took off three sacks. got instructions and started for "Bloomington" got along slow stoped at Holloways. changed clothes drove on to Bloomington arrived there about noon. no market for wheat. at Eastern Depot. "Ludington" died last night. went to Barker's Mill. couldent sell there drove to western "depot" sold for $1.25 per Bushel. 28 bushels. came to ($35.20) came

Back to City fed horses. found the town in state of great excitement quite Revolutionized. gold down to 91 premium. merchant all put their goods all down. 5 per cent on the yard. horse market down flat. good News from the Army. dispatch says Mobile is taken. "Sheridan" had an other fight Brilliant victory over three thousand Prisnors. 16 sixteen cannon. with loss of only (200) Bully for Sheridan and is no driving the rebs towards Richmond Pell. mell. Gov. of "Georgia" has with called all his states troops from the Rebel Army. Enough for one day. was offered $650 Bounty to enlist for one Year. Couldent see it. came home got there at dark Received ($1.00) for days service "Jim"

Tuesday the 27th "/64

up late in usual good Health. weather cloudy. rainy. misty. drizzly. and Bad. done up the chores. Eat Breakfast then Cut up all the wood they had hauled. raining pretty hard waited till the shower was over then started home. stoped at Dr Craigs some Better Child still failing. came on to Keerans and stoped took Dinner. gave J. Ducket. a lecure of about 2 hours on Politics exposing the Chicago convention &c came on home, raining hard wrote a letter to L.N. Woodcock gave him all the news in general no news to day of any interest heard nothing from town times Dull in the Country at present nothing of Interest going on Every Body trying to get Rich But Me. and I am going to Commence soon. local news scarce to day no war news at all Health generaly good "Jim"

Wednesday the 28th 1864

In moderate good Health. weather quite pleasant after the rain. went down to Delta. Mailed a letter to L N Woodcock. learned that Dr Craigs Child was dead died this morning and would Be Buried this P.M. came Back home found Mrs. D. Holloway & Phillip there. helped uncle Mills hitch up his colts. and work them got along fine. But little trouble. 2 P.M. drove up to Grave yard Child was Burried about 4. P.M. quite a turn out of the People. came Back home. took Team. & went to the "Bishop" "school House" to singing. good many present but little singing done. no Books. sent for some. will be able to do Better next time. took Twining's girls over with us Came Back. quite dark. commenced to rain some before we got home. rained hard nearly all night. was Invited to an Apple cutting tomorrow night. will accept if weather favorable

Reported that there will Be no draft in McLean County as her "quota" is now "full" on the present call sorry for it would like to see how the draft would work.

"Jim"

Thursday the 29th 1864

In very good health to day the weather warm and raining in the forenoon. kind of drizzly rain. rather dull day. no news of any import in circulation. afternoon wrote a letter to L't. R.F. Mercer. wrote whole sheet of "fools cap" went to office and mailed it. wrote a note to Col. "Hall" making some arrangements. for discussion on saturday night next. came Back home got no letter. no war news of any import times very good

"Jim"

Friday the 30th "/64

feel fine up Early. weather quite pleasant to day. went up to Bloomington with Aunt Hannah Keeran. went out to fair ground. great concourse of People there fair very good showed Horss to day. scenes wound up with Ladies riding. dont think that impartial premiums was awarded in But on Instance Saw Rus. Roberts. J.C. Reeves. T. Campbell. J. Bigger. J.W. Dawson. & JS Wiley. Ex Co. K. heard that "Bill" Cloud had reenlisted again came home with Tom Duckett. Minus 90 cts got home very late Grant in four miles Richmond. news cheery every where "Jim"

Saturday Oct. the 1st 1864

in good Health as common. Health good as usual in the neighborhood. times dull to day nearly got the "blues" Weather cloudy all day drizzled rain till nearly noon then Ceased. But still remained Cloudy. rather dull day. read most all day. and arranged my material in order to make a speech to night according to arrangement night went to School house. house nearly full good turn out for such a dark night. Col Hall. not present. Jas Weaver was appointed to take his place. But few singers present some musick then J Weaver's short speech. singing and then came my turn spoke about an hour & half on the "issues" of the Day. took into consideration the propriety of going to "Bloomington" on the 11th Inst. in procession took favorbly commend preparations By organizing. which was done By Electing J.W. Jessee. Chief Martial of the day and A "Cushner" "assistant" then after few preliminarys ajourned to meet next wednesday night. went home very dark no news Will Colow came home this Eve on furlough Jim

Sunday the 2nd 1864

feel fine this morning Health generaly good throughout the neighborhood. weather cool and Cloudy with plain indications of falling weather. went to Uncle Ikes staid till after Dinner. then went out to Dr Craig's found him in a critical condition cannot last long without a favorable change soon. went over to Bill McCain's to see Will "Colow" who came home on furlough last Evening Eat supper there came Back to Dr.s went to the school house to church. good turn out. good sermon by Rev. Mr Keener. came Back to the Dr's. plenty of company there for to night promised to come Back again. & started home rode part way with H Huffman got Home about 10.0 P.M. went to Bed. no news to day

"Jim"

Monday the 3d 1864

up Early in good Health as common. Times very Dull to day. Weather cool. & Cloudy. with strong indications of rain. forenoon went out on the Prairie where the old Deacon was at work. came in with Him. to Dinner. after Dinner to sack and went in quest of "Hazelnuts". got aBout a Bushel in the hulls. came Home fixed up and went out to Dr "Craig's" to set up with Him. found Him still on the decline. failing fast. Poor fellow can't last Long. Several of the friends came in. By the Doctor's. request had prayr meeting. and singing He Expressed Himself. ready "and" willing to die. and Perfectly resigned to the will of "God" slept from Eleven to twelve set up the Remainder of the Night Dr rested tolerable well. cannot lay down at all. has to set proped up no news to day "Jim"

Tuesday the 4th 1864

In very good Health. feel a little Dull after Being up all night weather Cloudy and raining rained till about 10. a.m. then ceased. started home. left the Dr. aBout the same. got home about 11 went to work and hulled out my Hazelnuts feel quite Dull. no news of any Interest. times Dull. weather very Disagreeable. night went to J.N Savidges to Meet the Committee on Programme. adopted the one I had previously drawn up. commenced to rain. rained as hard as it could pour down. staid all night "Jim"

Wednesday the 5th "/64

In good Health as common weathe warm but a little cloudy. went with "Holloway" to Uncle William Weaver helped drive home some Hoggs then went out after Hazelnuts. got nearly a sack full came home Eat dinner. went out again. got a sack full. came home. wrote some. then went down to the spring school house. to our meeting to get up a delegation for Bloomington 11th "Inst." to the Rally after much deliberation agreed on Programe declined the Martialship But was unanimously reelected again came home no news in town or Country to day Jim

Thursday the 6th "/64

well as common weather clear But windy and cool. went out to Dr Craigs. found him some Better. staid there awhile went to "Woodcocks" to make some arrangements about. getting up a horse back procession for the 11th Being appointed on that Committee last night did not make much progress. staid till after dinner. came Back to the Drs found him Just recovering from one of his smothering spells. seems to have some hope of getting up again. But I think it very Doubtful. no news to day of any interest "Grant" is closing in on Richmond up to the very gates of the "City" "times Dull" "Jim"

Friday the 7th 1864

In usual health up quite Early Eat Breakfast went Down to "Delta" to go to the City. went up with Mr. Ropp Weather warm and Clear when we started turned cold wind rose. rained some. was very disagreeable indeed. no news in town of any interest to day Every thing at a dead stand. times very dull. Bought a sash for which I paid $3.35 cts one saddle & Bridle Martingales &c for which I paid $20.50. Incidental. 55 cts whole amount $24.40 cts Grant is still closing in on Richmond. will soon make old Lee tremble in His Boots for safty. came out Home with Ira. Cox. stoped at J. Prices and got some cider Jim

Sat. the 8th 1864

all right. weather cool. got a horse from uncle Jim & went to Wm Mcdaniles to Buy some colts was not at home. But Saw the Colts cheap at his Price dont know But I will take them at it. came Back to Dr Craigs went from there to Woodcocks then to Leroy. Big Copperhead meeting there was going to drive me out of town for using a little free speech on the streets But Could not see the Drive Put up Pole 125 feet high. Big time. came home before speaking stoped at Coxes few moments. came home Eat supper went down to the spring to meeting house full. speeches By Capt. Bloomfield & Rev "Keener" interesting time meeting Broke up By giving three cheers for A. Lincoln three for Cap B. three for Rev "K" rode home in J. Coxes wagon. dispatch came to Bloomington that Burnside was in the city of "Richmond" news from Rebel sources say that Lee has Been drove to the river trenches Bully for "Grant" Jim

Sunday the 9th "/64

all right weather a little windy. But not very cold. was at home till after dinner. saddled up went out to Dr Craigs. some Better. went to "Woodcocks" then to Coxes Eat supper there. then went to church with Miss Cox Rev Mr Keener delivered an able discourse. went home with Miss Cox. staid the most of the night. had a good & interesting time. no news of any importance. no war news to day. times dull all quiet on Kickapoo Jim

Monday the 10th "/64

got home at 5. a.m. took short nap got up Eat some Breakfast. feel dull. went down to Delta. to assist about fixing flag wagon. went cut some Poles. came home to dinner. went Back made frame fixed Pole &c Part of Horseback Procession met and drilled their horses some. mad good appearance. Every thing Bids fair for a good time. and a complet success weather warm and pleasant to day. news from the Army cheerful times lively Jim

Tuesday the 11th 1864

Health good. weather quite warm and Pleasant up early in the morning. got ready to go to the City saddled up. went down to Delta. organized the Processsion. and at 9.a.m. started for Bloomington with the largest delegation that Ever went from Delta. got to the city in good time had no difficulty at all. 11 Couple Ladies & gents mounted some where near 30 wagons. vast concourse of People in the city. to stands for speakers. Conkling Cullum & "Ingersol" were among the speakers Enjoyed the day fine was a grand success. staid for night grand torchlight procession Equestrian & Pedestrian. grand display of fire works sent my horse home before dark. after the fire works Judge Leach commenced to address the People. commenced to rain. started home rode out with John Oswalt. Brought the Miss Cushners out got some wet Before we got home. Every thing went off so nice that the Cops looked a little chap "fallen" union men cheerful. and full of hope. confident of final success. News that Gen Sheridan had threshed Longstreet "Badly" Jim

Wednesday the 12th

all right. times good. weather pleasant went to uncle Porter's got my Horse & saddle. to mare, and to uncle Jims got his team came down to Holloways. Eat dinner. heard some cannons firing at Bloomington. Hitched up went out Cut Load of Sorgum. took it up to George "Martins" J Gardner" took up load also. Heard at night that the cannon firing was in honor of the Elections of Ind. Oh. & Penn. going Union By large Majorites "Bully for them" no war news to day of Interest "Jim"

Thursday the 13th "/64

feel well. weather warm and pleasant after the sun got up. Big frost. soon melted off. went out helped "J. Gardner" cut a load of cane. then went down to Wagstaffs shop to see about getting a Sleigh made. But made no arrangments came home to Dinner after which went and helped cut an other load of Cane. then striped awhile. went down to Delta But got no "Mail" Big Mail came the news of "Ohio" "Indiana" & "Penn" Elections going "Union" is confirmed in Daily "Pantagraph" sent to town got a 15 cent Box of Blacking. Youngsters getting up a Horse Back procession to go to Leroy the 17th Inst. to Bully to Joint discussion Between Noble and Spencer. "Union" & "Cop" no news of any interest to Day war news scarce But favorable to the "union" side times Lively. "Jim"

Friday the 14th

In good Health weather quite pleasant. Big frost this morning. up Early. went to work striping cane worked hard till near noon got done By the assistance of Uncle Mills cut some. came to dinner. went Back finished cutting and loaded it up. Uncle Mills & J Gardner. hauled it up to "Martins" came home nothing to do read till night. Clouded up and rained some. news of the Elections in "Oh." "Penn." & "Ind." going union confirmed Jim

Sat the 15th "/64

health very good weather cool & cloudy. nothing to do went up to the city with "J. Craig" no news in town of any Interest But little excitement at all. firemans Grand parade Both companies out. times good in town to day. prices on the "Decline" Every thing Indicates Better times than for the past year or two. Bought one Hat. for $4.50 pair of Gloves "75 cts" Incidental 20 cts total $5.45 cts

came home went to Springs school house. to regular meeting no speaker there made a speech of near an hours length my self. not a very large turn out. one or two cops voted to go to "Leroy" 18th Inst. In delegation also made our Horse Back Procession permenant organization. then ajourned to meet next Sat. Eve. Made arrangements with Mr. Hardacre to come out and address us next Sat. night. went home with "Miss" Cal. "Standiford" had a good time came home went to Bed &c "Jim"

Sunday the 16th 1864

Health good as common times Dull to Day. no news of any Interst in circulation War news Scarce But favorable to the union cause. Cop giving in say that Lincoln reelection is a fore gone conclusion. Business rather dull not much doing Every Bod holding of for the decline in "Prices" which must come sooner or later union men hopeful after noon went to Bishop school house to sabbath school good time taught a class. took up collection for them 25 cts weather warm & Pleasant little windy Jim

Monday the 17th "/64

in good Health fine Spirits &c weather clear and pleasant. cut a Hickroy Club. went down to the spring school house ("via" Delta) to the copperhead Picnic proved to Be a grand failure. But few out at all good part of them "Union" speakers "Texas "Ranger" —— — Jim "Ewing" & Dr. Worrel. who Belched out treason By the wholesale. and was greedly swallowed up By the cops their entire speeches was nothing But slang & villifying of the Administration. Called Ewing a liar & a traitor was ordered to hush or leave told them I would say Just what I pleased & that there was not enough traitors on the ground to drive me off. about 15 made a rush for me. gave my club a Brandish & told them to come on. that I would Kill the first man that came in reach of me. so they concluded to not push the matter. But I said "Just what I pleased" and staid as long as any Body Else did. times very good Business lively &c "Jim"

Tuesday the 18th

all right. weather pleasant. times good went out to the Deacon's got horse. came Back saddled up went to "Delta" organized our Procession and started for "Leroy" had Big "flag" & several other wagons all preceded By 12 Couple on horse Back. went with a girl. went to Hotel got our dinners "splendid Dinner" was the only Delegation that went "or came" 2."P.M" marched to the Methodist Church listened to Spencer's treason. for 3/4 of an hour. then to Noble. for an hour & fifteen minutes. spencer then got up to close the debate. all left over three fourths of the audience left. went up to Hotel. paid our Bill $1.50 a piece mounted. formed Procession gave three groans for McClellan & three cheers for Lincoln, Johnson, & Noble. Citizens then gave us three cheers Drove round the church speaking Just out. gave three cheers for Lincoln, Johnson, & Noble. then came home kiting three cheers again at Longs and three groans for the old Rebel. By Dr Craig's request gave him three cheers as we went out no news to day of interest Jim

Wednesday the 19th 1864

feel fine weather very pleasant. went to Delta. then went up to "Bloomington" with John "West" Big time in town. Copperheads Doing their Best to day good many People in town. But very small Processions with various mottos all tending to Disloyalty. Procession broke up and the People were like wild men drinking fighting &c soon got the calabouse full. managed to get off my self with out any Bruises. though Charley Rutledge told old "whisman" if he found me in town to kill me and he would Back him to the Last. But they did not try it on. was not molested though some of them looked Daggers at me. "think they made a grand failure" and will wake up votes. so Bully for the Rally. Bought neck tie 50. cts BaR casteel soap 10 cts total "60 cts" came home with Mr "West" no war News to Day "Jim"

Thursday the 20th 1864

in good health weather pleasant in fore noon. rained at night. went out to Dr Craigs found him some Better But very feeble. Came Back to Uncle Porters to dinner. came home wrote an advertisement and put it up at "Delta" no news of Interest to day Harvey Storey came up Jim

Friday 21st "/64

Health good weather Damp and Disagreeable Started to the City with Uncle Jim. commenced to snow snowed on us all the way to the City fell thick and fast. done But little Business. spent fifty (50) cents. came home went down to the Spring organized our Procession for Monday the 24th "Dan Hoover" marshall. Bill Blue as ass't J. W. Jessee Capt. Horse Back company. done some other Business Twining, Jessee & Wilson, Committee. to make arrangements for rally at Delta or spring Before the Election adjourned. went home with Miss Cal Standiford promised to take her to the City to Rally. 24th came home news of Sheridans recent victory over Early. captured 53 peices artilery 7,000 prisnors. &c mules, Horses &c Jim

Saturday the 22nd "/64

Health good weather fine. times lively went to Delta & sent to City for material to Make Banner. &c advanced two ($2.00) Dollars to pay for it. came home. after noon went to Delta. helped to make frame for Banner. came home went to Bishop School house. to hear Joint discussion between Mr. Hardacre & Dr. Warrel. the Richest thing I ever heard. never saw a man so badly used up as Dr Warrel Democracy (Modern) got particular fits. Enjoyed it fine came home went to Bed slept fine no news to day Jim

Sunday 23d 1864

in good Health as common times good. staid at home till near noon. went to uncle Ikes. took Dinner staid while then Borrowed his horse & rode out to Leroy Came Back home got here about 10.P.M. no news of Interest to day the Weather warm and pleasant. prospect of fair weather for few days Jim

Monday the 24th 1864

feel fine. weather pleasant. up very Early. Eat Breakfast went out to Deacons. got Horses. came Back put on store goods went to Mr Standifords. got my girl came Back procession Just leaving "Delta" to place at head of mounted procession. got a long fine. the largest procession that ever went from "Delta" rode all over the City. vast concourse of people the largest by far that has Been out this campaign. people very enthusiastic. noon Broke Ranks put horses in livery Stable & went to "Burch House" for Dinner. got some after waiting nearly two hours "50 cts meal" then went to "court House " yard saw the Gov. heard part of speech. fooled round all day went to Ills House Got supper. good time treated us well. paid Dollar to get out of the Dining room. went down town. into court hourse yard saw all the fire works. splendid heard Tom Tipton make speech. part of Mr Hardacre then went home had a good time generaly. news of Prices defeat in Mo. By Gen Pleasanton. total route. got home 12 Oclock quite tired total Expense ($4.05) two dollars for Horses. feel sure lincoln will be next President "Jim"

Tuesday the 25th 1864

In usual good health. weather very warm. and pleasant. Times very good. Business lively. feel a little tired and dull after the "Grand" "Rally" yesterday. spent the forenoon in writing afternoon huled Hazelnuts. and cleaned them up nearly a bushel in all. no news of any interest to day war news rather scarce. no news from Mo. to day "Jim"

Wednesday the 26th "/64

feel fine weather cloudy, rainy, muddy, and disagreeable. forenoon went down to "Delta" came Back to dinner. P.M. went out on the Prairie to Deacons. tried to make a bargain to crop with him next summer But did come to any terms. perhaps will. rained hard nearly all the afternoon and part of the night. But little news to day. none from the Army. Prospect of Lincolns reelection Brightening Every day. Cops Badly Down. in lips. say they have no hope of little Mac. Lincolns & Johnsons Election foregone Conclusion Jim

Thursday the 27th "/64

feel Bully. weather cloudy rainy. cold and disagreeable went out to Deacon's got Horse. came Back saddled up went out to "Woodcocks" found them all well. doing tolerable. went on to "Leroy" hunted for a brick mason for "Uncle" "Jim" found one Mr "Hutton" But would not agree to come short of two weeks But did not "Engage" him. Bought two pair sock one pair home knit one ($1.00) Dollar. one pair store fifty (50.cts) cents came Back to "Woodcocks" staid short time Eat dinner or "supper" had good time came on home got there at dark still raining some. no news Leroy "dead" "DEAD" no war news total amount [in code:] spent two day one dollar and fifty cents "Jim"

Friday the 28th 1864

in good health weather cloudy and raining By spells. rather cold. worked for the Deacon hauled Brick hauled four loads. no news of Interst to Day times very good Bought Book. Belcher's History of Religious Denominations Paid ($4.25) for it. little tired to night. fingers nearly worn out. Mason commenced to Build deacons chimny. Jim

Saturday the 29th 1864

In very good Health weather cloudy and cold up at 3. Oclock this morning. feel very well to Day worked for the Deacon waited on the Mason. got along fine. Holloway went to city sent for throat latch for Bridle to replace the one I lost for J. "Oswalt" cost (20) "cents" worked till night came home & Eat supper went to Spring school house to meeting But few out. No! "Hardacre" made short speech myself adjourned to meet next saturday night. was appointed of of comittee to procure speakers. rode home in Keerans Wagon. got a Droped letter from Delta. from Miss S.I. Cox war news that Price had received an other good threshing. no particulars given times about the same local news scarce "Jim"

Sunday the 30th 1864

Health good. only Moderate in the neighborhood. some sickness. only a few cases very serious. weather warm cloudy in afternoon. Staid at home till after dinner then Dressed. and rode out to "Woodcocks" staid there till nearly night. then to Mr. Cox's [following words in code] set Miss Cox up staid till 3 A.M. [code ends] then came home. no news to Day of any interest no war news of any note. times very good. "Jim"

Monday the 31st "/64

Health good feel quite dull only an hour or two sleep. weather tolerable warm and pleasant for the time of year. helped the Deacon to Day hauled two load of Brick then tended the Mason the reast of the day. got a long very slow "Dutchman slow as seven year Itch" night took the Deacons "mare" came home Eat supper. then went out to the school hous District No. 1 (Dr Craigs School House) to Political meeting. Col. Reeves. & Mr Brier. addressed the audience (which was rather small) in an able manner. no fire in house rather cool. to be comfortable. Broke up went home with Miss Cox —— — then came home no war news of Interest talk that the 94th is coming home on furlough. But there is some doubts on the question. times very good Businesss lively. Prices upward tendency. sorry of it "Jim"

Tuesday "November" the 1st 1864

Health good. feel dull and drowsey. lost to much sleep of late was up Before "Breakfast" worked for the "Deacon" tended the mason. got the chimney nearly done. put up the Rafters also. getting along fine. no news of any great interest no war news to Day. Charles Kimler came home on wounded furlough is quite lame "yet" times about the "same" Weather quite Pleasant to Day. with prospect of foul weather soon. "Jim"

Wednesday the 2nd "/64

In good health. weather cool & windy worked for the Deacon. finished chimney and helped Mr Ball on the house the rest of the day times very good News from Virginia highly important Grant moving again Hancock had Big fight took 3,000 prisnors 20 cannon telegraphs he is marching on to the Rebel "capitol" Night turned a little cooler. Jim

Thursday the 3d "/64

up Early feel fine. helped haul some water and then waited awhile for Plaster to come But did not then went to "Keerans" staid till after dinner then came home and went to Delta rained nearly all afternoon got letter from L.N. Woodcock commenced to snow snowed hard came home took aunt Margarets letters to her then went to Keerans & staid all night good time with gals kept snowing Jim

Friday the 4th

up Early. in good Health weather quite cold and disagreeable snow fell about six inches deep. But melted of to about two inches. spent nearly all the forenoon. went to "Uncle" "Porters" Holloway sent for me to assist to Plaster the House. came home worked all the

afternoon. very Disagreeable under foot though "Pleasant" over head. got two rooms Plastered. no news of Interest Political excitement still high "Copperheadism" getting to low water Ebb. littl Mackeral "played-out" no war news to Day of note times very good some sickness in the Neighborhood.
Jim

Saturday Nov. the 5th 1864

feel fine. weather quite cool. Everything froze up solid. Morter froze so we could not Plaster. went to "Delta" got some Brick came Back. and run the flues out. afternoon mixed some Morter and went to "Plastering" soon got done. run on some my self. night thawed considerable. quite muddy. went to spring school house. to meeting quite number out no speakers there meeting was addressed By C S Hall. Geo. Pringy. Wm Weaver. & J.W. Jessee. tried to raise money enough to Indemnify "Savidge & I" in expense of Banner. raised one Doller & sixty cents ($1.60) came home in "Keerans" Wagon. found Uncle Amos Neal. here Just arrived on sick furlough from the Army. to Vote for Lincoln & Johnson

Rumored that Price is surrounded in M.o. & will have to cut his way out. with the chances of great loss or surrender his army. hope it is so. times the same Jim

Sunday the 6th 1864

up Early in good health times about the same weather warm and rainy. got ready to go to Mt Pleasant. Borrowed Squire Savidge Buggy. commenced to rain. put off Starting, till it quit. wrote a letter to Miss S.A. Cox 10 a.m. started took Uncle Amos & Mollie H. got to Leroy about 1.P.M. stoped short time then went on got to Mt. Pleasant about 4. P.M. roads very muddy & slippery. went down to D. Holloways put up Horses. Eat some dinner. went Back to town stoped at Dr Molones then went to M. Moore's. staid all night found folks generaly well. times very good had good time no war news of any note local News rather scarce. "Jim"

Monday the 7th 1864

In good health. weather warm cloudy and some appearance of rain. visited around till noon Eat dinner at Holloways hitched up. and started home road very Bad got along slow got home about dark. took Buggy home came back commenced to rain raind considerable during the night no news of any interest from the field. quite a number of the 94th came home to Day report all right with the Reg't. times about the Same Business quite lively &cc "Jim"

Tuesday the 8th 1864

Health good. weather warm. cloudy, & foggy in the morning rained nearly all day started out to the Election quite early got there soon after the Polls oppen. voted for Lincoln and Johnson. and union State ticket clear through. all went off quiet. and Peaceable. challenged Ben Colows vote. refused to swear. he was "twenty one" (21) threatened to settle with me. some other time. would not let Bolen Blue vote came home with Wm Welch got dinner. good dinner then went Back staid there till nearly night then went to "Woodcocks" stoped few minutes. then went on to Cox's staid all night set up with Miss Cox. rained so I could not go home. set up all night. result of the Election in "Downs" Union Majority. 28t Cops very much down in the lip. look like they feel Bad over it. news from Chicago rather stiring. plot discoverd for the Burning of the City arrested quite number. of Rebs arrested. arms and ammunition seized. &c &c no war news "Jim"

[next line is on same line as the 9th date]
Mary Lanirs child died & intered to day.

Wed the 9th "/64

Health good. feel dull. weather warm still raining rained hard till nearly noon. Broke up little started home stoped at "woodcocks" shingled mary's hair. Lens wife Paid me $10.00 the amount with Interest that "Len" owed me. started home wind Desperate high. got home about noon. Eat dinner took Deacons mare home. started to Delta. But could not cross the creek to high washed part of the Bridge a way came Back went to Aunt Margarets, thence to Uncle Ikes Paid Aunt Hannah 40 cts "on behalf of Milan Moore" came Back home. "Pearson" came out from town reported News as far as came in. Indicate heavy majority for "Union". supposition that Lincoln. will carry all, or nearly all the states in the union. no Doubt of His reelection Bully for Lincoln & Johnson. "copper" getting very cheap now. think it will Begin to shed off pretty soon.

no war news to Day local news about the same as usual all quiet in old town. "Jim"

Thursday the 10th 1864

feel fine. weather little cloudy. But quite Pleasant for season of year. worked for Holloway waiting on Plasterer. got two Rooms Done. News from the Election cheering Union ticket carried all the state as near as can Be ascertained feel Bully over the result. great rejoicing with the Union Party the Country is saved and little Mackerals gone up salt river. times good. got a letter from J.H. Robertson. Regt all right. got (200) recruits. will get (200) more soon Jim "Carman" got his "commish" no war news to Day "Jim"

Friday the 11th "/64

In good health as usual weather quite cold & frosty this A.M. was up quite Early mixed up Batch of Morter. then started for Bloomington with Holloway & J Gardner. commenced to thaw some got muddy. arrived at City about 11 A.M. commenced snowing then turned off to rain and rained rest afternoon. done some trading

Bought pair Boots seven ($7.00 Dollars. one Ax two ($2.50) fifty. one whetstone 25. cts one Box Blacking 15 cts.

total amount spent to Day $9.90)

News from the Election quite cheering "Lincoln" is reelected By large Majority. with a flattering prospect of carrying Every state in the Union. in that contingency little Mack" will never Be known in the Electoral Colledge. Poor fellow. no war news to day. local scarce

Jim

Saturday the 12th "/64

up Early. feel fine. weather little frosty But turned off fair and pleasant for season of year. went over to uncle Bill Weavers put handle in ax. helped kill hog. Eat dinner then went Down to Delta. But got no mail. news from town that the "Union ticket" had carried all the States. and Poor little Mackerel. will never Be known in history as having Been a candidate for the Presidency old Pop Price still going south hunting for safer quarters than he found in M.o. no local news of any Interest all goes on well for the union

"Jim"

Sunday the 13th 1864

In usual good health. Health good as common in the neighborhood. Weather fair and pleasant. times quite dull. staid at home in fore noon. and read. wrote a little "P.M." went down to Keerans staid awhile. came home. no news of any Interest. War news scarce to day. no local news of any interest as Worthy of note all quiet on Kickapoo.

"Jim"

Monday the 14th "/64

up Early. feel fine. times lively. Weather little cool this a.m. commenced to cut wood for "deacon" "Weaver" cut one cord. put it up. and went to dinner. went Back got nearly a cord more cut. commenced to rain. continued raining till after Dark. quit and went home. would have got over two cords cut if it had not rained. hand quite sore. cramped very Bad to day. timber tough and hard. get one Dollar ($1.50) and fifty cents Per cord for Cutting

"Jim"

Tuesday the 15th 1864

In usual health weather warm and unsettled times lively. cut wood to Day put up two (2) cords came home. went to spring school house. to Jollification Meeting appointed to rejoice over union victory in the recent Election quite a number out. Capt. Keener" did not come. no speaker "present" and as usual in such cases J.W. Jessee had to make the speech for the "night" spoke about an hour. gave cop "fits" went home with Miss. Cal. Standiford. went to Jim "Cowden" set up with her till 1 P.M. then went home. felt Better. Received an invitation to corn husking at Mr "Gordon" declined

"Jim"

Wednesday the 16th

up Early feel fine. Weather very unsettled and Cloudy went out to deacons. made a maul. ground ax &c came home Eat dinner and went out to cut wood. put up a cord. came home commenced to rain. Rev. R.D. Taylor. came to stay all night quite "Loquacious" news give "Abe" all the State But Ky. Nj & De them Doubtful. yet. Army news says that "Sherman" has started from Atlanta to Charleston S.C. By land. local news very Scarce times lively

Jim

Thursday Nov. 17th "/64

In very good health. weather warm. and pleasant cut wood (Put up two cords) hands very sore quite Painful working times about the same. quite a lot of Hogs going to market now. Pork from 9. to 10 cts gross. corn 80 to 90 cts per bushel. to Day. rise caused By such an influx of hogs at Bloomington "and no chance to ship" the Prices of other things about the same as here to fore. Everything high enough no war news to Day Cops all Dead. they look like they had Just lost a friend or two "Mum" "Mum" is their word now hope it may Ever Be so. some of them are waiting to see if Mac. wont be Elected yet. think the Soldiers vote will Elect him. thinks so too over the left. all quiet at Delta. grapevine broke. no news

"Jim"

Friday the 18th 1864

In good Health as common. Health generaly good in the Neighborhood. weather warm and Pleasant. forenoon Cut Cord of Wood and put it up. afternoon helped to gather two (2) loads of corn for Holloway. no news to Day of any great Interest times about the same

Jim

Saturday 19th "/64

In good health. feel fine. Except my hands to sore to work with any comfort. so did not work any. But doctored up my Hands. afternoon went to Delta for the news. got no Mail. no news of any import. went down to "Keerans" staid awhile and came home news from the Election give "Mackerel" Ky. NJy and De. Bully for "Him" done well. 21 Electoral votes no war news to day Everything seems to Be at a stand still

Jim

Sunday the 20th 1864

feel fine. up late. weather quite pleasant in fore noon went out to "Deacons" got a Horse. came Back put on store goods went to Dr Craigs. found him a little Better took dinner there. afternoon cloudy and cool. went to Woodcocks staid till night. went to Cox's staid there till 3. a.m. came home very cold and snowing some. no news of any note nothing from the army to day times good

Jim

Monday the 21st 1864

In good Health. feel a little dull. weather very cold.

and spitting snow some. went down to Delta. to get Deacons mare shod D. Bopps went to shoe her. throwed him and Broke his leg Broke Both Bones in left Ankle. sent for the Dr. Carried him in the house. did not get the Doctor went for him my self. Came helped to set it. Eat Dinner then came home no news worth note to Day
Jim

Tuesday the 22nd

Up Early in good health as usual weather very Cold to Day Went to the shop got mare shod for Which paid $2.30 cts no news came home and went down to Keerans came back home times good. business lively Jim

Wednesday 23d

feel fine weather still cold But moderating went out to Woodcocks to work some to cold to husk corn. went to Leroy to Mill. & to take the women over. did not get the grinding came home. done up the work. James and Miss "Gela" Cox came down spent the Eve. went home with Miss "Gela" came Back Jim

Thursday the 24th

feel fine. hitched up and went to Leroy to mill weather warm and nice. got grinding by waiting till noon. came home. E. Brown commenced to gether corn for the old Lady saved me husking a load. hauled rails and Built a pen to put corn in. then loaded up wagon ready for town to morrow night went with Miss Mary to Coxes spent the Evening "Gela" and James went part the way with us went Back with "Gela". James went on home with Mary. went Back and went to Bed. no news of Interest to Day no war news in circulation times very good. Jim

Friday the 25th "/64

in good health. feel fine. up aBout 2.a.m. and waked the women up got Breakfast and waited some time for Day. then hitched up and started Mary & Miss Olive Green went along got to Keerans. rained some on us stoped at Holloways and got two Blankets. got to town before it Rained much sold corn at 70 cts. took wheat to Mill. raining in Earnest went up town bought two pair gloves for ($5.00) dinner for 25 cts total ($5.25) came home rained all the way awful time. got home little after dark no news in town Bill Colaw started for the 94th to day times very good Jim

Saturday the 26th

up late feel fine. done up the work. hitched up and went over to Mrs Runnels. after load of wood. weather warm and pleasant. came home. unloaded. Eat dinner. then cut up wood till Dark Done up the work &c no news of any Interest. Paid me for my work ($3.00) no war news to day from any quarter of a Definite character
Jim

Sunday the 27th "/64

up late weather warm. cloudy, and drizzly rainy and disagreeable. done up the work. Eat Breakfast then came home to Holloways. got there at noon. Eat dinner. then Dressed up sent out and got Deacons Mare then went over to Mr Standifords had pleasant time staid till 3.a.m. went out after Horse. gone. hunted her up. saddle of and tramped in the mud got straitened out. and started home desparate dark got home. went to bed Jim

Monday 28th "/64

feel dull and drowsey Brushed up Clothes. cut some Poles &c afternoon cut wood put up half cord then went down to "Delta" got no news. news from Rebel report says that Sherman has captured Melidgeville G.a. all quiet on the Kickapoo. nothing Exciting going on here
"Jim"

Tuesday the 29th 1864

up Early in good health as common. weather very warm. and little cloudy. times good Business lively Corn 65 cts. wheat 1.50. oats. 55. spent the day in fixing to thresh Built shed to cover for stable. got an invitation to corn husking to morrow. at Bob Ball's oyster supper at night. cannot go. night wrote two letters one to L't LN Woodcock. one to J H Robertson. no news to day health generaly good some Exception Edward Adams dangerously sick. quite windy. no war news Jim

Wednesday the 30th 1864

in good health up Early weather warm and nice Rand came in set the machine and commenced to thresh got along moderately well worked on the throw Pile my self got all the wheat done and forty Bushel of oats. after supper went to Bob Ball's to oyster supper did not Eat anything over half Cops that wer there had dry time generaly came home about midnight. no news to Day of any Interest no war news. got a very sore thumb run round on it will loose the nail sure Jim

Thursday Dec. the 1st 1864

raining rained some during the night Dull times. feel well thumb quite sore. wrote a letter to Balis Cloud after dinner and took it to the office. Staid till the mail came had good time some Women there quilting thought they would get me Down but failed signaly news scarce to day times gloomy nothing Doing raind all the P.M
Jim

Friday the 2nd "/64

in good Health as usual. weather warm. and raining rained nearly all the forenoon. went down to Uncle Porter Craigs got some Apples to Eat. John Gardner. cut hair staid till after dinner cleared up went home wrote a letter to J. W. Neal. took it down to "Delta" came back. thumb quit sore can't do much yet no war news. local news quite scarce. times lively.
"Jim"

Saturday the 3d "/64

Health good as usual. generaly good. in neighborhood some sickness. But very few Serious cases Except amongst the children. John Woods child was intered yesterday. weather Clear. and quite cool to day. A.M. went up to John Gardner's to spree of Moving and old stable. got done By noon Eat some Dinner then went home. then went down to "Delta" got no mail. staid till after night and helped them quilt some. Miss maggie "Standiford" was there. Eat supper. with them no news of any importance. foreign or local. times about the same. Business quite lively. wages good. "Prices high."
"Jim"

Sunday the 4th 1864

feel fine "up late" weather quite cool this a.m. Big white frost. went out to "Deacon's" got Mare. Came home put on store goods. saddled up went out on the Prairie. went to "Wodcocks" got an introduction to Henry W. who had just returned from the Army. Staid till after supper. then came home. learned that Miss Gela Cox. was married last thursday to Mr Jacob Coon. and has gone to Homer Ills. times good no news very exciting "Jessee"

Monday the 5th "/64

feel fine. thumb some Better. weather warm and nice finished threshing took nearly all day. scarce of hands got along slow. no news to Day of any interest Either local or foreign. Received a polite invitation to take dinner and supper with Mr Keeran's. for which they only asked me to Husk corn all Day. May go "Jim"

Tuesday the 6th 1864

feel Bully. Weather cool and spitting snow some. times about the same. Holloway went to Bloomington. went to "Keeran's" to corn husking & quilting. Staid in the house with the girls till nearly noon. went and help gather one load of corn. came to dinner then went out and worked till nearly night. commenced to snow some harder. quit came to house. quilt out. went home But very little Better off all the old women in country there with their young ones. no news "Jessee"

Wednesday the 7th 1864

feel Bully. up quite Early times good. Business lively weather quite cool and snowing. snowed nearly all day part of the time quite hard. helped holloway saw stove wood part of the day afternoon turning colder all the time got a Bid to corn husking tomorrow at A.P.Craig's and a turkey roast at night for the young folks. no news of any great interest in circulation to day. night wrote a letter to a Mr A Dowel. Co A 94th Ills under the assumed name of Miss "Mattie J. Wilson," He having wrote a letter soliciting correspondence and Directed it to the first young lady Enquiring for a letter at Delta Ill's. the letter was give me to answer 9.P.M. to Bed
"Jessee"

Thursday the 8th 1864

up Early. in good Health as common. Weather quite cold to day. Extremely so. went down to "A.P. Craigs" to Corn husking to cold to husk. no body came in. helped cut and haul a load of wood. Eat dinner. came home and put on store goods and went Back to quilting quite a sprinkling of Ladies & Gents. came in. had very good time some fun supper about 8t P.M. waited on the table. some 35 Eat supper. quilted some and quit at 11. Oclock. Played awhile By Craig's permission then all went home. very cold. no news to day of any note. war news rather scarce commodity at Present. "Jim"

Friday the 9th 1864

up at the usual hour. feel quite well. weather quite cold yet went down to "Craigs" after gloves. came Back to Aunt. Mag. Weavers helped Holloway husk a load of corn. Eat dinner at Aunts. went and Cut a stick for Ax handle and took it down to Delta. to Uncle Bill Weaver to work up. times good no news of any note local or foreign. "Jim"

Saturday the 10th "/64

feel Bully. up Early. weather quite cold But moderating some. started to town with Holloway. Broke down at "Twinings" came home after an other wagon. went on to town got there late. Bought halter ($2.50) 2 quarts cranberries. (70 cts) vial Burgamot (40 cts) Paper (5 cts) total ($3.95) no news Bought some things for "savidge & Predget" got home late. "Jim"

[in between last lines of this entry:]

Angeline Kimlers child died at 4PM.

Sunday the 11th 1864

feel quite well this morning. weather quite cold and Blustry. this morning. snowing and Blowing. at a desperate. dressed up and carried Aunt Nancys Baby down to Uncle "Keerans" to get it doctored. staid for dinner. then came home. 4.P.M. Caught out Horse. and went over to Mr. Standifords. visiting. staid till near midnight. so desperate cold came home. nearly froze. did not sleep much after came home. thumb hurt so bad. child was Burried this P.M. so cold no women went. "no news" Jim

Monday the 12th "/64

up Early. in good Health. Health generaly good in neighborhood. started out this a.m. to invite youngsters to quilt Tuesday night went to Youngs. Pruntys. Teters. Pringeys. Dr Craigs Alsworths. Spanglers. Woodcocks. Groffs. E Adams. Merceleses. C Himler. Craigs. and Keerans. came home late quite tired weather quite cold clear in forenoon. clouded up 4.P.M. cloud like snow storm on hand. found Dr Craig quite smart today
Jim

Tuesday the 13th 1864

up Early in good health. weather little cold But considerably moderated. spent the day in runing of Errands for the women getting ready for the quilting. had good time. night soon got quilt out. nearly all came that was sent for after supper played and cut up till nearly two oclock. Every thing went of fine. Broke up all went home to Miss. C "Standiford" home came home and went to Bed no news to Day of any import. times good "Jim"

Wednesday the 14th "/64

In usual health. feel fine. Weather quite cold went to "W. Adams" with "Holloway" on a speculating tour. took dinner But made no trade. was going to H Welches. to Buy some colts But heard he was not at home came home sun down got an invitation to an oyster supper to Mr J N Savidges. went with Miss Mary "Storey" quite a number there. rather a dry time. plenty to Eat. to many copperheads for fun times good no news to day. Jim

Thursday the 15th "/64

in good health. Except thumb quite sore. worse than it was weather quite pleasant for winter weather. about an inch and a half of snow fell last night. was at home nearly all day. wrote a letter to uncle Jo. Weaver. late P.M. went down to A.P. Craig's then came home. Frank Standiford and Belle Savidge came down to spend the Evening. had a big time snow Balling then with Mary & Matt Storey Mary H. tried to wash my face But failed. hurt my thumb. ... ... coats all came out worsted some times about the same. corn up to 75 cts. to day no war news of any interest "Jim"

Friday the 16th "/64

In good health. feel fine thumb quite sore today. weather tolerable warm. commenced and rained Nearly all day from 9.A.M. Uncle Mills went to Bloomington to day. very disagreeable all day. wrote off a song Ballad for Mary "Storey" done But little to day But pester the girls. Good News from Gen. Sherman. quite cheering. reported that he had taken Savannah with ("20,000") Prisnors had had a big fight and was victorious "Bully for Sherman" times very good to day. corn went up to 96 cts Jim

Saturday the 17th "/64

feel fine. weather warm. cloudy. and mizzling rain went with "Holloway" to "Baylor's" and H Welches to Buy some colts But did not trade "could not quite stand the Prices at Baylor's" "Welch" had none to sell came Back home. went to Delta. got a letter from J.W. Neal. no news to day. times good. corn down to (75 cts) to day. saw J.L. Rush. quite well all quiet in Delta. "Jim"

Sunday the 18th 1864

in good health as common. weather warm and Pleasant times good staid at home all day Jane Montgomery here all day J Craig. Bill Wilson in P.M. fixed to go to church at night rained did not go J G Chese set up with May Storey I set up with moth S. no news Jim

Monday the 19th "/64

feel fine weather quite cool froze up last night. times very good. no news of any interest except a report that "Sherman" has not taken Savannah as previously reported. went down to Keerans Early in the morning. got a Bid to a Turkey roast at their house. to morrow night all so. to a wedding Thursday next. to Be at the house of Mr Joe Penns happy pair Milton Stanwood Mary Penn. Ground an Ax for uncle Ike. and came home after noon went to Delta got a letter "Bore" Came home went to Uncle A.P.C Staid all night after went to Bed some Body came and tried to get in at the window. failed to catch them no news of a local nature heard that Wm Lake & Sarah Gordon was going to Marry this week. Holloway Bought mare off Mrs Baylor for ($120) All quiet along Kickapoo "Jim"

Tuesday the 20th

feel fine. weather quite pleasant came home went out to Dr Pruntys Extended an invitation to Miss "Belle" to attend the turkey roast at "Keerans By order of Propper Authority. went out to Deacons. helped him some about Butchering Shot three hogs. Eat dinner came home 4 P.M. fixed up went to Keerans to the roast quite a number there Especialy littly Boys some 12 young Ladies good supper. very good time staid till "one oclock" then went home no news of note "Jim"

Wednesday the 21st "/64

in very good health. But little sickness in the neighborhood. times very good weather quite cold. and snowing. about 2 inches deep. snowed nearly all day afternoon. went to A.P. Craigs to see John about going to the wedding. to morrow. night went up to "Omsteads" to get a sleigh. was Broke. came Back to "Craigs" Eat supper. then came home

news from general "Thomas" quite cheering Victory complete no local news of note Jim

Thursday the 22nd "/64

feel fine up Early. weather quite cold Extremely so. went out to the Deacons. after mare before day light. got back just as Breakfast was ready fed mare. Eat, and then put on store goods went down to A.P.C's waited till John got ready and then started for Joe Penn's to the wedding. went By the Protestant Church. stoped at Bro Hayes. and warmed. and then went on kept the "Bloomington" road to Boyces turned off. stoped and warmed. few moments then went on to Penn's. got there at noon. Marriage Celebrated at 3.P.m. By J.N. Savidge "Esq'r" quite a number present to witness "the ceremony" Eat supper (dinner) and then started for

P.Church went through By Nicholas's. stoped at J. Rodmans and warmed got an introduction to the girls. took Miss Maggie "to Church" no fire went to Hayes. warmed staid some time. went Back. quite a congregation out sermon by Rev. "Stoddard" very good. held late. Broke up Protracted Meeting. dismissed took the girls home. then came home declined an invitation to go in and warm. quite cold ride home. nothing new from the army. previous news confirmed. Price Dewly & Amandy Cowden married to day. Everything going on well. no changes of note "Jim"

Friday the 23d "/64

in good Health as common. weather cold with some indications of moderating soon. went to Deacons. took his mare home. staid till after dinner. cut his hair. then came home. went down to Keeran's. then to A.P. Craig's. then home again. times very good. no war news of any note. Wes Brown got his house House. "Burned" to Day with Every thing he had in it was not at home. how it caught on fire is not known. But the suspicion is strong that it was the work of an incendiary. quite a sad calamity Every thing is going on quietly now "Jim"

Saturday the 24th

feel fine "up Early" weather quite Pleasant. times very good. went down to Mr Gordons to see about Buying a sleigh. then went on to Dave Baylors to Buy a mare. But he had concluded not to sell her at all. went from there to Dent Young's. But John had taken the one I wanted to see to town. went Back to Delta. waited awhile for John. to come went home got dinner. went Back. came along about 3. P.M. came down to Gardner's with him did not make a trade. asked ($150) for the mare liked her very well. Landis told me there was a good colt at his house to see that could Bought cheap no news of import to day got a letter from my old friend Baylis Cloud. all well. news from Sherman encouraging But not very definite "Jim"

Sunday the 25th

feel fine. Health generaly good weather warm and drizzling rain times dull. Jane Montgomery and George Sproll. came visiting. went to AP Craigs. came then to Keerans. came home. 4.30 P.M Saddled up a horse. went over to Mr Standiford's all right. took suppper staid nearly all night. no news of any interest "Jim"

Monday 26th "/64

got home at five a.m. folks all up. feel fine But a little sleepy. went to Deacons got mare. went to Landises. to Buy a colt had just taken it away. rode on and over took them But had gave out selling it. went on to Bloomington Bought pair mittens of Mrs Young for ($1.00) dinner 15 cts writing Paper 20 cts total ($1.35) reported that Sherman had taken Savannah & all the "garrison" 125 heavy cannon. 25000 bales of cotton. came home By Landises Matt Storey went home. Holloway went to town also Mollie. Jim

[between last two lines of prior entry:]

night Bill Blue came over visiting with his lady

Tuesday the 27th "/64

in good health. went out to Deacons got the mare for a few days and started for Mt Pleasant stoped at "Woodcocks" and got dinner. went on weather quite warm. thawing and very muddy got to the City at dark went to Milan Moore's and staid all night late P.M. clouded up and commenced to turn cold. prospect of close weather folks all well down here no news Jim

Wednesday the 28

feel fine. weather quite cold to day. ground froze up hard. and desperate rough. went to Asa "Weedmans" went through the fields took dinner with them By his Earnest request. good dinner Turkey roast. some company in. and some good Music on Melodian looked at his colts But did not Buy. went Back to City and out to Jim Watsons to look at his colts came Back and staid over night with Doctor "Molone" Uncle Ike is down here peddling little notions. no news of note to day Jessee

Thursday 29th

feel fine weather quite cold to day went and looked at old man Hayes Horses But did not trade offered him ($125) for mare. came in two dollars and a half of trading fooled a round all day and done nothing Horses very high down here went to Milans and staid all night times good. no news. all quiet Jessee

Friday the 30

feel fine. weather still cold. and windy. went up town went out to Watsons. Bought two colts for ($225) Paid him ($200) to pay the rest when take the colts away to keep them a week. Bought pair sock for 1.25 started home stoped in leroy awhile. then at woodcocks got supper. got home about 8t P.M. no news of any note

Saturday the 31st 1864

feel tolerable well. got Bad cold. thumb quite sore to day. weather quite cold. went down to Uncle AP Craigs to see John an to take Mary a letter from the Treasuery Department. sent By Frank Dickerson. went out in the woods helped to cut some wood for the church came Back & took Dinner. went home down to Delta. no news of any note all quiet on Kickapoo Jessee

Sunday Jan. 1st 1865

feel fine weather cold But Pleasant. put on store goods and went up to the Union to Church. good discourse By Rev. A. Cox. church cold & uncomfortable. came home John Craig came home with Me to Dinner. Eve. went

cross the Grove to church with John. went to Mr. Rodmans. But Maggie was not at home. went to church Prayr meeting. went home with Miss Hefling came home. feel Bad sick with A cold. times good Every body seem to Be Enjoying them selves well on the commencement of the New Year. "Jessee"

Monday the 2nd 1865

feel fine. weather tolerable pleasant to day cut some stove wood. helped Holloway load the Power of the Machine on wagon. the went to Delta hired Pridget to make me a Sleigh came Back cut some more wood and went to "Craigs" afternoon went to Delta saw Abe Gordon Bought sleigh of him or rather the irons. paid him four dollars for it. went Back to uncle Porters. gave John the Money to get some lumber tomorrow then came Back home no news of note to day Holloway went to Long's to thresh Jessee

Tuesday the 3d 1865

in good Health as common weather cold But quite Pleasant. times very good. helped drive some hog's across the timber. (Geo. Weedmans) came Back about 2.P.M. Eat dinner. and went out to the Brick school house. staid till school was out. went home with Mary Woodcock took supper. came Back to spelling school went home no news of any great import ="Jessee"=

Wednesday the 4th "/65

up Early. feel fine went to help drive the hogs to town. rode over to Cushner's. left horse there. got there just at daylight. helped drive nearly to town George Weedman. came up paid me off. and as they did not need me any further I quit. Charged them $2.50 for yesterday and to day. went on to the City. spent fifty cents. Bought half yard of linen for Aunt. 40 cts. came home. By dark went up to uncle Porters saw John. came down to Aunt Margaret Weavers hired Wagstaff to make a sleigh Bed. Came home no news "Jim"

Thursday the 5th "/65

feel fine weather quite Pleasant times very good. went down to Delta. worked on sleigh till noon came home. Eat dinner. Hitched up and went to Mt Pleasant. after colts Holloway went with me. got there just at night went to Milan Moore's. staid all night Uncle went to his Brothers. got a long fine roads Splendid. after supper went to Dr. Molone's. delivered a Message. sat awhile and had a pleasant chat. went Back to "Milan's. no news of note to day. war news quite scarce times quite lively. "Business Brisk" speculations run high as Ever.

Aunt Paid me for the half yd linnen all quiet in the City Jessee

Friday the 6th "/65

up Early feel fine. Milan and I went over to Holloways. got Uncle Mills and went down to Watsons. after the colts. was not at home went out and drove up the colts went in and warmed. watson came Paid Him ($25.00) the Ballance on the colts. Haltered them up. led them Down to Holloways. Hitched up team. Drove Down to Milans got Nancy ann, and the children. and started for home. got a long fine. Weather quite cold made it a little unpleasant for the children got home at 3. P.M. But very little trouble on the way. colts led fine. no news of any note. Borrowed a Rope of Milan. to make a Halter Jim

Saturday the 7th "/65

feel fine. weather quite Pleasant went down to Delta. and worked till noon on sleigh then came home. Eat Dinner. Hitched up my Horse colt. worked him all the P.m. gathering corn per formed fine got to loads night went to church (Via) Uncle Porter's sermon By Rev. Keener. came home no news of any importance to Day. Times good Jessee

Sunday the 8th "/65

Health good. generaly good in the neighborhood. weather cool But pleasant. times very good Staid at home all day. did not get to church. was a large congregation out. no news of interest to day Night caught out Horse and went over to Standifords. to See Cal. snowed some staid till 2.30 got home at 3.35 "Jim"

Monday the 9th 1865

feel fine little sleepy. weather warm and nice went to Delta worked some on sleigh. went to Craigs after some lumber. took it down in wagon took some to "wagstaff made Box, &c night went to church. good meeting. no news J. W. Jessee.

Tuesday the 10th 1865

up Early. feel Bully. weather little cold snowed little last night. fed colts. Eat Breakfast. went cut Pole to fix sleigh went down to Delta took it. "Pridget worked for savidge" savidge helped me some about "Ironing My Sleigh" noon came home to dinner Eat went Back (no Body at home) worked some more. the Esq'r. had to work some for other men. no news of import from the army. the People are getting to Be dreadfuly Exercised over the flattering prospect for a "draft" offering seven hundred ($700) Dollars Bounty in Bloomington for one year ($1000) for three Years. But it will take more money than that to Coax Me out again. times very good night Mr "Melvin" here. Joe "Rodman" and the widow Propps was to Be married at 6. P.M. By Rev. Keener. turned colder "Jessee"

Wednesday the 11th 1865

In very good Health. weather Extremely cold went down to Delta. and worked some on sleigh. got some of the Irons on. came home for dinner. went back worked till near night George Sproll. came Back to day furlough

Extended for thirty Days came home all gone. fed colts and watered them. Eat cold bite and started for church. went to Craigs Eat supper and went on to Meeting. discourse by Rev. Keener. Broke meeting up. came Back to J. Gardner's stoped a while came home. no news But the Draft. Jessee

Thursday the 12th 1865

feel Bully. Health generaly good. times lively. the weather some what moderated quite pleasant to day went down to Wagstaffs got some screws. Bill Blue had used the most of then went down to Delta to work sent to the City for a Dozzen More screws. worked all day got the sleigh nearly all done got it all together and Ironed. all lacks is fastning the Box on Paid Pridget of ($8.00) no news of any note great Excitement about the Draft. Heard they was offering ($1,000) in Bloomington. (Sam Gardner threshed to day) "Jim"

Friday the 13th 1865

feel fine. weather quite moderate to Day helped "John Oswalt" to thresh wheat just a little before Night. got done. Paid me $1.75 for days work. late snowed some. Came home and went up to "Hall" to "spelling school" very good time generaly good Many out. quite a number from the Brick school house. some very good spelling times very good. no news of interest. Draft all the Excitement here at Present. "Jim"

Saturday the 14th 1865

in very good Health Weather quite cold to Day very light skift of snow fell last night. Hitched up my Colts and went to the City in company with Uncle "Holloway" worked fine "got along Bully" got to town about. 11 A.M. Bought set of Harness at "Cluses" silver mounted. self adjusting. Brace backs for which I Paid forty ($48.00) Eight dollars. also one Halter two ($2.00) Dollars total amount ($50.00) gave him a fifty Dollar Bill. then Hitched up & started home. came By "Myres" Mill. got some flour C "Orendorff" rode out to Roads with us got home just at Dark. no news of note to day. Jessee

Sunday the 15th 1865

feel Bully. got up late. fed and watered. Eat Breakfast. Put on store goods and went over to "Bishop" school house to "Sabbath School" quite an interesting school. after which the sup't'dt. delivered a good discourse (Sam'l Bishop) came Back to Mr. Twining's took Dinner. "good dinner" Spent the Evening. Eat some Apples. and then came home. Stoped at "Delta" few moments. on the way. "Milan Moore" came up with a team after his folks went down to A.P. Craig's few moments John Cowden. and Nan. staid all night with us also Moore. and Lady no news of interest from the Army Cops Badly scared over Prospect for a draft. Jessee

Monday the 16th 1865

In good health as common. weather quite cold Early this A.M. went down to Keerans. With Milan. staid a short time. came Back. Milan started home. helped Holloway saw wood till dinner. the Hitched up my colts and gathered corn all the P.M. Husked two part loads for aunt "Margaret." and then Jerked a load for ourselves. commenced to snow. put on shock of corn fodder and came home. watered and fed and went to delta to see about getting my colts shod. got the Promise Early in the morning. came home. Eat supper. no news to day of any note. all the talk is about the draft. "times lively" "Jim"

Tuesday the 17th 1865

Health good. weather quite cold. snow about an inch deep. went down to Delta. Early to get my colts shod. had a Big time. Jock took quite a spell. had to tie him. got them Both shod Before. Cost ($2.50) Paid for Ironing sleigh ($4.00) hitched up to it drove down to Wagstaff's shop. came home to dinner. went Back and put the Bed on. John was there a few minutes But did not do any thing. Paid Sidney for making the Bed. ($3.00) came home got colts hitched up. drove to Craig's got John & drove out to "Woodcock's" got "Mary" John got "Mit Long" took them down to spelling school and Back home again had a good time. and a Bully time with the girls. got My Blankets. got home at 11. P.M. very cold. But little snow on Prairie sleigh run hard no news to day of note Excitement still runs high about the Draft. Boys still talking of going off to volunter. (total Expenditure ($9.50) all the Bills footed up on the sleigh now John has Paid nothing yet total cost of sleigh ($23.75) more by 8 Dollars than we Expected. would Be. hope there will Be plenty of snow yet this winter. will Be plenty of Hauling to do any way. all quiet on Kickapoo. "Jessee"

Wednesday the 18th 1865

up late. feel Bully. weather quite cold a.m. But moderated. P.M. forenoon went out to see the old Deacon But he was gone to town. came home Eat dinner Uncle Bill here. P.M. went and helped Holloway gather a load of corn. got in Early. received an invitation to a stable moving to morrow at Levi Mercelle's. night wrote two letters one to Baylis Cloud. & to J. W. Neal. But little news Rumored that fort Fisher is taken. all the talk is about the draft times good Business lively Jessee

Thursday 19th 1865

in good Health. weather little cold But quite pleasant. went up to help Mercelles move his stable. worked till after dinner quit to go to the funeral of Mrs T Spencer. who died last night. came home went to Delta. got a letter from S. J. Hazelbaker. came home went out to Brick to Debate. very good time ajourned to meet tomorrow night week. question Resolved that A Lincoln is the greatest man America has Ever produced. affirm J.W. Jessee Neg C S Hall. no news of any note Jessee

Friday the 20th "/65

in good Health. weather fine. Husked corn all day for Holloway John Gardner helped got out five loads night went to spring to hear what "Keener" had to say. made short speech for him. got some four or five Vols. no news of any interest afloat to day Jim

Sat. the 21st "/65

feel fine. weather very warm. times good. helped Holloway gather corn. got out three loads. weather indicates rain very much hope it will snow the rather of the two not much Excitement But the "Draft" that is all the go Business quite lively Corn up to 70. cts Jessee

Sunday the 22nd 1865

in good Health. fine spirits &c. Weather quite cold. snowed about an inch and a half deep. uncle & aunt went over to "Heflins" their child very sick John Craig came down. staid awhile. folks all went off. went Home with John. staid for Dinner. came Back home found Mollie and Phillip Holloway. Just Came up from the City of Mt Pleasant. let John "have my sleigh and Harness" four 30 PM took uncles Horse and went over to Standifords. to see Cal. Had a good time got Home at 3. A.M. no news of note to day some excitement about the draft. "runs high". "Jessee"

Monday the 23d 1865

feel Bully. But little sleepy weather quite cold. times good. Business moderate. forenoon done nothing of note. P.M Phillip Hitched up to sleigh went to A.P. Craig's from there to Mrs Prock's. came home. went to "Keeran's" to see Sarah if she wanted to go a visiting. came home. hitched up to sleigh took P. H. Mollie H. and S. F. K. went out to "Woodcocks" had a good time 9 P.M. hitched up and took Mary W. a sleigh riding went nearly to LeRoy and Back had a Bully time. H.W. played violin for us. got home at 11-30 P.M. very cold no news to day "Jim"

Tuesday the 24th 1865

in good health. weather very cold done up the work helped haul some Hay. then went down to Delta took sleigh down. to get Brace fixed that Phillip Broke "yesterday" said they would do it screwed one of the seats on that had come loose. Came Home. 4 P.M. Went down to Delta got sleigh went to Craigs. got John. went out to Woodcocks. John went to "Longs" after "Mitt" was Engaged. came Back Mary and I got in sleigh went to "spelling school" John drove. good time. poor spelling school had a Bully time going home "John" "Drove" no news to day "Jim" got home at 12 m. John staid all night with me Jessee

Wednesday the 25th "/65

in good Health weather Extremely cold. went out to "Deacons" to see him about farming with him next season. staid for Dinner. came home Deacon came with me. done up the work went to uncle Bills. Eat supper. then went to the Protestant Church to a war meeting. done considerable Business. agreed to pay volunteers ($200) local Bounty some few Enlisted. came home late very cold went to Bed report that Wilmington N.C. is taken By Gen Terry "Jim"

Thursday 26th

weather Extremely cold Health very good. times good. Business quite Brisk &c went down to Uncle Porters. staid till after Dinner then came home John came with me. went to Delta. got no mail. no news of any note went to Bed quite Early Excitement about the draft some what subsiding since the Boys have commenced to Enlist Jessee

Friday the 27th "/65

feel fine. weather cold. But not so severe as the past few days spitting snow at intervals fore noon helped uncle cut down a large tree and cut some wood. Mrs M Savidge came visiting after dinner hitched up to sleigh. and went out to Brick school house. spent the Eve. school dismissed. came to Dr Craig's. Brought Miss Ella. home in sleigh took supper with them Dr getting along fine. night. went Back to the school house to the Debate. question Resolved that Abraham Lincoln is the greatest man America has Ever produced. was discussed By J.W. Jessee & H. Woodcock. affirm. C.S. Hall Geo. Pringery neg. caused animated debate. ajourned to meet next Friday night Brought hall home with me in sleigh no news Jessee

Saturday the 28th 1865

in good Health. feel fine. weather still quite cold But moderating. went to aunt Margarets. and got the Privilege of using her "wagon" to Haul some with came Back home. P.M. uncle Mills. and I went and got Aunt M.Weaver up some wood. cut some up A.P. Craig got up a load. Wagstaff moved to "Hayworth" to day came home went to "Delta" got no mail Paid N Savidge. 90 cents for fixing "sleigh" no news of any great import Draft Excitement still high Jim

Sunday the 29th "/65

feel fine. weather quite Pleasant. done up work Put on sunday rig went up to union to church funeral sermon of Mrs Spencer's. By "Rev" "Hayes," very good. large congregation out. came Home Ernst Graff came with me. after dinner Hitched up to sleigh. went out to "woodcocks" Brought Miss "Mary" to the "Union" to church. good sermon By the Rev. Fletcher Harm. over took "Mary" Home again staid with her till one Oclock. came home. had a glorious good time. sleighing very Poor

Reported that the Hon. Isaac Funk. and his wife Both died this morning. no news of any great interest Mr's H. Huffman not expected to live Jessee

Monday the 30th 1865
in good health weather quite pleasant. times very good no war news of any great interest in circulation. Mrs Henry Huffman died last night started up to Help dig the grave found they was not going to dig it till tomorrow came Back helped Holloway make Bush fence till 1. P.M. then went and gathered a load of Corn some excitment yet a bout the draft. some few Enlisting Capt. Keener's co. Number about 60 "men" no local news of unusual interest to day Jim

Tuesday the 31st "/65
In good health. weather little cold. cloudy and stormy. snowed some went up quite Early to assist in digging grave tedious Job. ground froze quite deep worked hard till 2 PM Before we got it done funeral was Preached at "Union" at 1 P.M. By Rev. R. D. Taylor. did not get to go and hear it interment took place at 3.30. over came home. done up the work & went out to the Brick to spelling school. had a good time made some arrangments about our debating &c no news to day of note Jim

Wednesday February the 1st 1865
feel fine. weather Cloudy But warm and nice Helped Holloway gather corn all day John Gardner helped in the P.M. got out about one hundred bushel. Night went to Bill Blues to see about getting to haul some corn to town tomorrow for him not going up. commenced to rain and rained right along no news to day corn down to sixty five cents "Jessee"

Thursday the 2nd 1865
In good Health. Health generaly good throughout the Neighbor hood times very good. Weather warm & raining rained most of the day at intervals. done nothing But feed and Water Bill Blue. "G Brock" Joe Craig" & Jim Cowden" came here. Craig Brock & Holloway. settled up their threshing account. gave them some assistance. "Jim Cowden" round settling up. has Enlisted and is going to the army. Keener has about "60" men now for his company. Evening went to Delta. for mail. got letter from J H Robertson well. night wrote a letter to S J Hazelbaker Lexington Ill. times good no news of any import Jessee.

mover staid all night only going to Bloomington

Friday the 3d 1865
feel Bully. weather quite warm. and raining occasionaly. Hitched up my colts and started for the City of Bloomington. Roads desperate muddy thought I would never get to the City arrived there about noon fed. &c was only in town about an hour. Bought Bottle Arnolds writing fluid. (50 cts) two linnen collars (.50 cts) scone of silk thread (5 cts) one pair of Boots (at Daniels) ($8.50) got Bridle Bit in the Place. of one that Broke. 1 P.M. Hitched up and started home came By Myers "Mill" got some flour for "Holloway" got home little -fore dark. no news in town of interest. recruiting going on Heavy. trying to fill up their quota in Bloomington township. recruiting officers there from other places
days total Expenditure $9.30 cts
"Jim"

Saturday the 4th 1865
feel fine weather quite cold. freezing all the time. spent most of the day in cleaning up Harness &c and mending up old traps &c. But little news to day. times very good. Business moderate. 4 P.M. went to Delta. got letter form Uncle Jo Weaver. all well. came home done up work went to uncle Ike's and then to uncle Porter's. Eat some aples &c came home and went to Bed no news "Jessee"

Sunday the 5th 1865
In good Health. feel Bully. weather quite warm and pleasant to Lazy to go to Church in the forenoon. aunt. maggie. and the children came down. after dinner Holloway took my team and went over to uncle Bills aunt Maggie went along. fixed up took Holloways Horse (George) and went down to spring to church. no Preacher. staid till after 4. P.M. and then went to Delta. Horse Broke loose and run Back to Gardners Caught him for me. went Back. staid awhile and then went to Standifords to see Cal. had a good time. staid till 3. oclock. got home few minutes before four. no news to day of interest all quiet Jessee

Monday the 6th 1865
quite well. feel fine. weather quite cold and spitting snow some. quite number of volunteers came a long going to town to start for "Springfield" to day. went up to town with them to see them organize &c. did not do much while I staid in town was in the court House. organizing when I left let no Body in But the Company. Heard that the Elected Keener "Cap't" Wm Weaver 1st & ——— Lawrence 2nd L'ts quite a number of my acquaintence went in the company. considerable Excitement in town to day quite a number wanted to go in Keener's Co. that couldent get in. no news much in town to day from the front. Saw Ben. Frifield to day.

Incidental Expenses to day all of ten (.10) cents came out Home with "Mr. "Allworth" Roads very rough. got Home little Before dark &c Jim

Tuesday the 7th "/65
in good health. weather quite cold. and spitting snow a little. went to Help get up some wood for Dr Craig. Holloway. Bill Blue. and John West there in the "fore noon" Cut Down Big treat Cut some loaded up the wagon and went out to the Dr's unloaded. went in and Eat dinner had a Bully dinner. went out and loaded up the

teams again Joe Craig & E Graff came with teams John Craig without. loaded up teams. came home and done up the work. no news of interest. (sent to town for two dozen screws came all right Brought out one Mr. Sims and Lady Cousin of Weavers Just from Mo. Jessee

Wednesday the 8th "/65

In good Health weather quite cold. and snowing some went to Bill Blues. got a Hay frame and hauled some hay of the Prairie. had a rough time one load fell off got about a ton and a half or 3/4 no news of any Interest to Day Jessee

Thursday the 9th "/65

feel fine weather some warmer. But very cold yet. went to Delta. to get colts shod. couldent to Day promise for to morrow morning. came Back. went and cut wood for Keeran. till 2. P.M. and came home. charged him a Dollar. paid me a quarter. went to "delta" for mail got none. no news. Except that "Grant" is moving. went down to Craig. went out to Pringeys. with John and C Kimler made arrangements for debate tomorrow night week. came Back to Ezra Woods staid awhile and came home "Jim"

Friday the 10th "/65

feel fine weather quite pleasant. went to delta" to get colts shod Behind tok till 1. P.M. paid ($2.50) for Job came home. went to Aunt Maggie's to the wood chopping cut wood in PM. got up quite a lot of wood. came home Mr Sims & Lady came home with us. Rode one of My colts Easy Done. went to J Gardners. then to Delta. came home no news of any interest. Jim

Saturday the 11th

feel fine weather warm and pleasant helped Holloway husk corn Bill Blue & Gardner helped got out a bout 140 "Bushels". came home Early hitched up colts to wagon. and started for Bishop school house to Singing school went By Young's took Miss Emma had very good time got home at 12.

heard that Lincoln had called for (600 000) more men. all quiet Jim

Sunday the 12th 1865

in very good Health. weather little cold. But other wise quite pleasant. times very good put on sunday rig. caught out colt. and went up to the union to church very good discourse By the Rev. "Amos Cox". came home John Cowden and Nan. came with us for dinner 5. P.M. caught out "fannie" and went out to "Woodcocks" to see Miss Mary. put up horse &c staid till 1 A.M. had a Bully time. no news from the war department of any interest.

Jessee

Monday the 13th 1865

In good health weather splendid got home at 3. A.M. went to Bed. up again at the first Crow Piss. got Breakfast. hitched up team went up to John Gardner's. gone to timber went on out. put on half cord of wood. & started to town. got along fine. got to the City at 1. P.M. unloaded took out & fed done some Business sent a valentine to Miss Mary Woodcock. (20 cts) Bought 25 cts worth of Postage stamp. Box of "Angruntum" (15 cts) total Expense of the day (60 cts)

no war news official quotas of the subdistricts of the county show some in Excess and some deficit. County nearly square. got home some after dark no local news

Jim

Tuesday the 14th 1865

In very good health weather very unsettled little rainy and a little muddy went down to Delta to get some work done. Savidge. gone to attend the funeral of his Sister Mrs "Passwater" made a Breast yoke. came home. got ready to got out to spelling school heard there was none. went to J Gardners & Back to McCains to a party not many there "good supper" dry time. no war news of any interest to day Jessee

Wednesday the 15th 1865

in good Health. weather very unpleasant. snowed some last night. about 2 1/2 inches. snowed and rained all day. But Melted as fast as it fell. Hitched up Colts to sleigh took children to School. Came Back to Delta done some work on sleigh. came home went out to "Woodcocks" took Dinner there. then came to Ed. "Browns" traded for a stack of Hay. on conditions that the Hay is O.K. (at $5.00 per ton) pay for it in work when he hauls his corn off. came home snow nearly all gone. night went with "Holloway" to Bill Blues. to see him. agreed to Haul him a load of corn to morrow. Holloway went to town to day. no news of any note. corn down to 60 cts Jim

Thursday the 16th

feel fine weather quite pleasant. ground froze up quite solid. Holloway and I hitched up & went out to Bills field on the prairie. Bill there. loaded up and started to town. got along fine till we got to Rhodes. Began to get very muddy desperate Before we got to depot. sold corn for 60 cts. had about 30 bls. 95 in three loads drove in lumber yard and fed. 2. P.M. went up to City got our Dinner. Bill paid me ($3.00) for days work went Back loaded up with lumber. (500) feet of 15 feet fencing to wagon. started home. Dead drag all the way. got home about 8. P.M. horses quite tired Aunt Maggie and children here staid all night. no news to day of interest.

"Jessee"

Friday the 17th 1865

in good Health. weather little cold snowed some last night inch deep. hitched up. took lumber up to Blue's unloaded paid me a dollar for hauling it out. went to

field got load corn fodder. went to "Delta" got neck yoke Ironed. cost (60 cts) came home went up to J Gardner's timber put on load of wood to go to city to morrow. no news of interest snow all off. "Jessee"

Saturday the 18th 1865

feel fine. up Early. Weather fine. (snowed little P.M.) ground froze quite solid. started to City. soon thawed out had a Bilious time getting to the City. colts nearly tuckered out. got there about noon. sold wood for four dollars. fed team got Dinner Paid (15 cts) for it. started out at 2 P.M. Brought out to Delta a Mr "Lafollette" & wife. for Mr Savidge. also two men on their way to M.t Pleasant. Paid me a dollar and ($1.50) fifty cents for Bringing them out agreed to take them to Mt Pleasant in the morning went to Keerans. to stay all Night. no news of Interest in town to to day no war news of import

total Expens of the Day fifteen cents Income above the days work for Gardner ($2.50) count that as good as $3.00) "Jessee"

Sunday the 19th "/65

feel fine. Weather quite pleasant. ground froze up quite solid Early a.m. soon thawed out. Started for M't Pleasant at 9. A.M. got along very well roads desperate muddy. arrived at the City at 3. P.M. took Passengers across creek put them on right road and left them Paid me six Dollars for taking them Down drove Back to Dr Malone's. and put up team got Dinner. and then went over to Moore's awhile all well. Back to Dr's. fed team and then went to church with Mollie Williams and Miss "Jennie" "Anderson" Big Meeting. Been going on for three weeks. very good meeting. good sermon to "night" staid late and came home to Drs went to Bed rested fine no news of interest in circulation to day Jessee

Monday the 20th 1865

feel fine weather quite Pleasant. went to "Moore's" then to D. Holloways. then started home Dr gave me (75 cts) to give to A.P. Craig roads some Better. But Bad yet. got home at 5. P.M. put up team. Eat supper then took one of Holloways horses went to Standifords to see Cal. But she was not at "home" came home again. reported that "Charlston" was taken no other news of any note "Jim"

Tuesday the 21st 1865

feel fine. weather warm. and cloudy with slight sprinkle of rain occasionaly. went out to Deacons to make some arrangments about farming took Ax out and ground it staid till nearly noon got Business all fixed up satisfactory. came home watered and fed Eat Dinner took ax and went down and choped wood for "Keerans" worked all P.M. came in and Eat supper. commenced to rain quite hard. Paid me for half days work. and some work done a few days ago. ($1.75) no news of interest. came home through the rain. "Jim"

Wednesday the 22nd 1865

In good health as common. weather warm and unsettled rained hard all night. desperate muddy. Kickapoo up to full and over flowing. went down to A.P. Craigs. staid awhile came home. took mare down to Delta. got one shoe reset. paid (35 cts) Savidge paid me A Dollar for Bringing out his wagon. maker & Lady last Saturday. Came home Eat Dinner 4. P.M. Caught out Mare. and went over to Standifords to See Cal. all right. had a good time came home at 3. A.M. Road Desperate Muddy no news of any Interest in circulation to day the capture of "Charleston" confirmed to day "Jessee"

Thursday the 23d "/65

in usual Health. feel a little drowsey to day for loss of sleep last night. weather little cold Early A.M. the ground froze some. turned off warm and pleasant about noon. forenoon Helped "Holloway" get some Bark and hang meat. then went down to "Keerans" was there for dinner. staid till three P.M. then went to Delta for mail. (heard that J L Rush was to be married this P.M. to Welch girl) quite a concourse of the natives out. got a letter from L't J. W. Neal. 39th Ills Infty came home again. news is that the Rebs Burned Charleston Before leaving Citizens trying to put out fire torpedo Exploded killed (1000) of them. no news from grant of any import to day "Jim"

Friday the 24th 1865

In good health. weather warm and nice for time of year. done up work. Holloway and I took log chains and went over to uncle Bill Weaver's to help move the house. hands late getting in raised house up put poles under. hitched on 8 Horses and hauled it right to the place with But little or no trouble fixed it on the Blocks. then came home noon. fed Horses Eat Dinner saddled up "fannie" & went out to Craig school house to visit school spoke a piece for them. came to Mr Allworths Eat supper night went Back to spelling school had good time returned Dollar to "E. Miller" given to get up party came home. no news of import "Jim"

Saturday the 25th 1865

in usual good health. up Early. weather warm and cloudy commenced to rain Just after daylight rained all day spent the forenoon in writing wrote 3 letters one to JB Weaver. JW Neal. JH Robertson 4 PM went to Delta. got a letter from Baylis Cloud. time very good no news of any importance capture of Wilmington confirmed. Roads desperate muddy almost impassable JL Rush marriage to Wm Welchs oldest daughter confirmed Jessee

Sunday the 26th 1865

in good health as common. weather warm and slightly rainy. done up the work. uput on clothes. and went down to uncle Porter's. was there for dinner Brother Cox there staid there till 3.30 came home fixed up some

& Caught out colt. went out to Woodcocks to see Miss Mary. Road desperate muddy liked to have never got there. in good time. staid till four A.M. Monday had an interesting time.

4 oclock started home ground froze some desperate traveling got home 5.30 went to Bed no news of interest

Jim

Monday the 27th 1865

up Early. But few minutes sleep. feel quite drowsey laboring under a heavy stress of mind. weather a little cold slight skift of snow fell last night done up the work and then went out to the Deacons with uncle & Aunt Holloway. was there for Dinner commenced to snow about 11. a.m. snowed all the Ballance of the day But melted nearly as fast as it fell. P.M. took a walk out in the field came Back went home about 4. P.M. done up the work Cal Hall came By to tell me that the practicing Exhibition for to night was defered on acount of the weather. Night. still snowing wrote some in Journal. no news went to Bed 8 P.M. "Jim"

Tuesday the 28th 1865

feel fine physicaly. Mentaly not so well. was up quite Early. Weather little cold. snow about inch and half deep. Bill Blue and Holloway went up to City took four horses to Empty wagon worked my Horse got home at 8t P.M. road very Bad. fore noon had visitors Mrs. McCain & J Marcellus. after dinner went down to Craigs staid awhile wrote two letters Before dinner one to L't JW McPherson 41st Ill's one to Baylis Cloud washington Ill's sent him My "Photo" no news of any note to day time dull But little Business being done. Jessee

Wed. March the 1st 1865

in good Health as common times not very good Business dull. done up the work &c weather warm. snow all melted off. very muddy took two letters down to Delta. and mailed them Paid office ten cents that I owed it came home Eat dinner. went down and helped Hollway cover Aunt Maggie's corn pen. went over to Keerans staid Ballance of P.M. came home and done up the work &c war meeting at savidge school house done But little or nothing no news of note Jim.

Thursday the 2nd 1865

In good health as common weather quite warm to day. and desperate muddy. Caugt out fannie and went with Cal. Hall. out to "school house" staid all day. school dismissed at 3. P.M. came home. air getting quite cold. went down to Delta. after the mail. got none. no news times very good Jim

Friday the 3d 1865

feel well. weather little cold Early A.M. ground froze quite hard. soon turned warmer and thawed out. Early put on bib and tucker and went out to Dr Craigs while the ground was froze. stoped awhile then went out to school house in wagon. quite a gay time. house comfortably full. examination commenced at half past ten (10) lasted till half past (12) then Dinner. good Dinner. then the candies. had a Bundance of all. then came the Exhibition very good. spoke one piece. (Political speech) with an old "claw hammer" coat on created great mirth all over dismissed went to Bill McCain's got my hair cut. Eat supper. then went over to Dr Craigs to party quite a number there had very good time. Oyster supper at 10. Eat supper with Miss "Emma Hall" not very well came home at little after one. very cold and snowing. no news to day of interest times Dull. Jessee

Saturday the 4th 1865

very unwell. up late. very cold. helped do up the work Eat no Breakfast. Cal Hall stoped nearly froze warmed & Eat Breakfast. Mrs. and John "Marcellus" came down visiting felt so Bad went to Bed. lay till 2 P.M. got up wrote a note to Miss "Woodcock and started to Delta. met Mr Rike sent it to her By him. came Back. J. & Nan Cowden stoped awhile no news to day of import Eat nothing to Day. no war news. times very Dull to day Jim W.

Sunday the 5th 1865

feel quite poorly. But Better some than yesterday weather warm and pleasant. went down to A.P.Craigs staid till one P.M. aunt "Lucy" Matt Gardner". and J Cowden and Lady Came Down. Staid for dinner. & all P.M. no news of any Interest afloat to day

late P.M put on store goods. went with J Craig over to Bob "Balls" from there to Standifords John talked to "Maggie". "talked to Cal" staid quite late. got to Holloways Just 15 min. before 5. a.m. went to Bed. got But little sleep. No news to day "Jim"

Monday the 6th 1865

feel very well only a little sleepy "and drowsey" done up the work. and went down to the Deacons. to see about going to work Deacon gone to City to Court on the G. "Jury" done nothing staid till after Dinner. then came home went to Delta. got no news. weather warm and pleasant. times very good Business lively mud drying up some no war news. "Jessee"

Tuesday the 7th 1865

In usual Health to day Weather very warm & nice. to day looks like spring has come in Earnest. Harnessed up went out to Deacons hauled some hay. covered the stable Came Back home helped to Holloway to make some fence after noon June Montgomery came down visiting. McCain came down after me to help kill aunt Maggie's hog to morrow. worked some at the fence then drived some hogs. changed Clothes caught out "fannie" went out to Ed. Brown's. looked at some hay. agreed to take one stack at ($5.00) per ton. pay for it in

hauling next summer. went over to "Woodcock's" to see Miss "Mary" had a very interesting time. staid til "one" oclock. turned quite cold. commenced getting colder before dark. froze up quite solid. &c

heard that "Sherman" had had an other Big fight. had won a decisive victory no particulars given. perhaps all a Canard though the impending Battle cannot long be delayed. times moderate. "Jessee"

Wednesday the 8th "/65

in Moderate Health to day. little sleepy weather cold, cloudy, and rainy. Birthday, 27 years old to day. A.M. went to McCains to assist about killing aunt Maggies "Hogs" rained so deffered it till P.M. after dinner went down & killed three for her. one for McCain. rained nearly all the time. quite cold. came home done up the work. no news of any note times about the same. war news scarce of Interest "Jim"

Thursday the 9th

quite well. Weather cold. "very cold" and froze up solid Hitched up and went out to "Deacons" to live. farm this summer. hauled load of straw. and one of corn fodder. to fix stable. cut some wood. tinkered round till near night. went to "Delta" for mail got none. came home Extremely cold. saw Cal. at Delta. received Invitation to wedding up to Bloomington. last of this "Inst" A Miss Kinney. perhaps will go. times about the same Dr. Prunty very sick with "Diptheria"

war news. Sheridan had fight captured Early and nearly all his Army. Sherman moving on. Grant all right. rebs in tight Box "Jessee"

Friday 10th 1865

feel fine. weather cold. hitched up. went to timber cut Pole to Break stalk. Mr Sims took chill came home very sick went to Bed. sore throat. got "Diptheria" Done up work. and tinkered round the rest of Day. no news of any interest. to day weather extremely cold Jessee

Sat 11th 1865

feel fine. tinkered round all day cut wood. &c P.M. went to Delta got no mail. Deacon came home. went home. news Board sup.vs passed 50 dollar Bounty act for all vol. from county. Sheridans victory reduced to 1000 prisnors & some cannon. Laura Rodman died of small pox yesterday a.m. night went with Deacon to Dr Pruntys to see Dr Malone Jim

Sunday 12th 1865

In very good health weather warm and pleasant sick some better. done up the work. went down to "Holloways." done some writing while they went to church. did not come Back for dinner. got my own Dinner. and then went down to Craigs give John "—— his handkerchief. that he lost last sabbath. night staid till nearly night went to the Deacons done up the work. &c no news to day of any note. times very good considering "Jim"

Monday the 13th "/65

in good health weather warm and raining at intervals rained most all the day. done nothing But tinker round the house. Sick mending Sims some Better P.M. went to Delta. took pitch fork down got it fixed. staid till after the mail came. got none. took letter to Dr Prunty. no news of any interest to day times Moderate Roads desperately muddy. prospect not very flattering to get wheat in Early this season "Wilson"

Tuesday the 14th 1865

in good Health weather warm and rainy rained nearly all day at intervals P.M. went to "Prices" sent with Burrel. for some Butter went to Holloways. wrote some. Back home rained very hard till night. rained all night. no news of any note. "Sims Better" times Dull. Jessee

Wednesday the 15th "/65

feel fine weather still warm. can do nothing But set round and read. late P.M. went down to Dr Prunty's his mother very sick will never get up again. Dr some little Better. Dr Davison. there from Leroy Sims taken worse again Exposed himself unnecessarily. no news of any note times very Dull. Jessee

Thursday the 16th "/65

In very good Health weather quite cold turned cold in the night snowed some snowed some this "AM." times Dull. no news of any interest no war news at all Sims some Better Mrs Prunty worse Dr. some Better But little sickness in county sprained foot this A.M. can hardly walk PM went to Delta. went By Holloways. got saddle. got no mail went home night Deacon came home. "Jim"

Friday the 17th

well. except my foot little sore weather warm. and pleasant done nothing to day couldent walk well Enough surveyed out road "By Teters. to day no news Sims some Better Dr Prunty Better Mother worse. "Jessee"

Saturday 18th 1865

In good health. weather warm and pleasant Mrs Prunty died at 8t A.M. went to Bloomington for for coffin went over to J. Cowdens. put four horses to his wagon. and went up was in town But short time was ten before left home got Covered Coffin Cost ($26.00) Bought Curry Comb & Brush ($1.70) came home little before sun down Roads Desperate bad in places "Landis" went out to Deacons put up team. came Back staid all night no news of any Interest to day

Jim

Sunday the 19th

feel fine weather warm. Indications of rain went to Holloways. put on Clothes. staid for Dinner aunts Margaret, Hannah, & Mary were there Belle S & S.K. started to funeral. to late. came Back went home late went over to Standifords to see Cal. staid all night. good time formed Matrimonial alliance &c no news Jessee

Monday the 20th 1865

in good health as usual little sleepy weather warm and raining. got to Holloways at 4.30 A.M. went to Bed slept some up at 6 went to Deacons done up work &c forenoon Made some troughs fixed up stable &c P.M. took colts to Delta got shoes pulled of (Cost 25 cts) went to J Cowdens got wagon. came Back to Delta got letter for Dr Prunty stoped and left it Dr some better went on home got throwed out of wagon But not hurt. came up heavy shower of rain and Big storm. Mrs. Price taken very sick "Diphtheria" no news of any import to Day times Dull. "Jim"

Tuesday the 21st "/65

in good Health as common weather cloudy and rainy came down to Holloways. wrote some then went to A.P. Craigs. got some tobacco. went home. no news of any import. war news scarce. times dull roads Desperate muddy almost impassable. all quiet Jim

Wednesday the 22nd "/65

feel fine quite cool to day. done nothing of any importance Health very good to day E. Graff came out to see me about County Bounty But I did not know any thing about it. P.M Went to Delta. no news of any import times Dull. Jessee

Thursday the 23d "/65

feel fine weather pleasant Harnessed up the colts. went to timber. cut and hauled a load of wood Eat dinner took aunt "nancy" to Holloways. went out cut load of wood then went to Delta. got no news got an invite to party at J Oswalts. Engaged. some gals to go. took load of wood home went to Craigs and staid all night no news Jessee

Friday March 24th 1865

in usual health weather warm and pleasant. was froze quite hard this A.M. But soon thawed out. came home quite early. done up the work &c. done nothing of any note in forenoon. P.M. went in company with Mr Sims to Holloways. got Discharge papers went down to Delta. took the oath of Identity on Discharge administered By J N Savidge. for which I paid (fifteen cents) paid Savidge $2.00 subscription for Tribune. Came home. hitched up colts. went down to Holloways. Put on store goods took J. J. Craig. & Mollie L Holloway went to Mr Twinings got Cal. Standiford & Maggie Kennedy went to J Oswalts to A Party was a failure grand Humbug. staid nearly all night. Roads Desperate muddy in places. got to Holloways 20 Minutes Before 4. oclock went to Bed no news of interest to Day. foreign or Local. Deacon came home from court. times Better Business more lively Prices coming down with gold. hope for Better times soon. Jessee

Saturday the 25th

in very good Health to day. feel little sleepy Eat breakfast at H.s then went home took out trunk clothes. &c ground froze quite solid to day A.M. turned warm and pleasant. put up colts and then helped Deacon haul out some corn fodder P.M went to Delta got no mail. came home. went out to Savidge School house to meeting to meeting the "Brethern" holding protracted Effort. good meeting several convertion several mourners to night poor sermon. Broke at 9. P.M. came home aunt Mary Weaver. came out and staid all night.

war news Rumors that Lee has Evacuated Richmond (Doubtful very.) Gold still tumbling Down. Prices Coming Down with gold corn down to 40 cts no local news of any import. times about the same Jim

Sunday 26th 1865

In good Health. weather warm. and quite "pleasant" to Day. times very good. no news of any interest in circulation to day 11 AM. went to meeting at the Savidge S. House. poor Sermon. House full. Considerable interest manifested By the Congregation dismissed. came home Eat dinner night went Back to church. good meeting two Professions. ("Oswalts" girls) quite a number of seekers. no news from war. dep't. "Jim"

Monday the 27th 1865

finds all well. weather warm. cloudy with prospect of rain soon. forenoon Examined our ground & concluded to commence to seed. went and burned off some stubble. came home fixed up plows. P.M. commenced to sow wheat Deacon sowed it Down. "Sims" & and "I" plowed in with Cultivators ground moderate got along fine. worked all P.M. rained alittle night got a letter from Miss M.C.S—— with an invitation to attend a party at Harvey Bishops also for J J Craig. went to meeting good time S.E. Teter. "professed" came home clear. no news to Day of Interest. Jessee

Tuesday the 28th 1865

in good Health as commmon. Weather little cool to day worked all day putting in wheat A weaver helped 3/4 of the day Deacon. sowed & Sims & I Both worked got a long fine. no news of any Interest. no war news of any note night went to Holloways got Boots Jessee

Wed. the 29th 1865

feel fine. weather cold and raining rained till noon hauled out corn. PM. sowed wheat Deacon. "sowed" Sims & I plowed in. no news of any note S. Teter M

Holloway here night went to church "dry time" rained hard. times moderate Jim

Thursday the 30th "/65

feel very well. weather quite cool and windy. to wet to work in wheat. went down to Delta to hear the trial in which Mary Padget is plantif Ja's Ducket defendant of "Assaul" with insult. in meeting was solicited to act as attourney for the girls declined Ducket swore it away from Savidge. sent it to Asa Savidge. came home for dinner went Back. staid till mail came. got none. came home Done up work went to meeting very good time. Jane "Montgomery" took very sick Carried her home. war news Grant taken Between 3,000 & 4,000 prisnors from Lee Sherman had a fight no particulars given still marching on towards Richmond. times the same Jim

Friday the 31st 1865

feel fine weather. warm and pleasant sowed wheat Deacon sowed Sims and A Weaver plowed in and I harrowed with my team got a long fine. nearly done. trial went off to Day. went against the girls. night went to meeting good time. sermon By "Mowery" no war news of any Interest. local scarce. time improving

"Jessee"

Saturday April 1st "/65

In good Health weather warm and pleasnt A.M. finished sowing wheat Deacon sowed it Sims plowed in and I harowed in. took while after Dinner to finish harrowing then went down to Delta. got no letter first number of tribune. came. no news of note night went to meeting. "Preached" from Hebrews 2nd, 1st 2nd and part third. had good time Daniel Hoover professed religion. quite happy. came home. walked with Cal. Standiford as far as home stoped at home. times very good gold still on the tumble everything coming down with it corn 45 cts per bushel wheat ($1.20) per bushel. prospect for good crop coming season they will stay down. Jessee

Sunday the 2nd 1865

in good Health. weather warm and pleasant. Early a.m. went down to Holloways. to meet J Craig there to go to Bishop School house. to sabbath school John no come. went to see him. said he couldent go. "was not well." went By My self. "good school." good time went to Kurshner's for Dinner. good dinner good time. staid till nearly night then went to "Standifords" to see Cal. took supper with them. had good time staid till nearly "Day light" came home. no news to day of A special character. "Grant" and "Sherman" moving right along. rebellion soon ("Cave in") Jim

Monday the 3d 1865

in good health weather warm and rainy rained most of the day. got home Just at day light. done nothing of note to day. times only moderate. war news quite favorable Grant. had Big fight took 12,000, prisnors and fifty Peices of cannon. still fighting yet. (went down to the Road this am. and sent to City for two Papers of Sloans Condition Powders (By Rike) sent Dollar.)

"Jim"

Tuesday the 4th "/65

feel quite well weather very warm. and raining some caught out "fannie" and went with Deacon. Down to Macedona. to Election voted union ticket. ("clear") Carried By 26 "votes" came home at noon. hauled rails and made fence in P.M. for "Deacon"

Richmond has fallen Great Rejoicing firing cannon all day no particulars of fight General Weitzel to possession on Sunday morning at 8. Oclock. "Bully for Grant"

sent down and got Condition Powders and 30 cents Back in change "70 cts Paid out" "Jim"

Wednesday the 5th 1865

finds all well weather warm and unsettled trying to rain all day. fore noon hauled aload of wood for "Deacon" P.M. went to McCains for some turnips got none. went to Craigs got a "kettle" went to Keerans. to crush some corn commenced tore up "Machine" quit. came home wind tremdious high Blew top of Stable raind some. Blew very hard nearly all night

fall of Richmond and Peterburg confirmed Jim

Thursday the 6th 1865

up Early in good health weather very cold. and windy. hitched up colts and started to city roads very rough. and muddy in Places. times very quiet. in the city. Business Dull. Prices of the Decline Bought Stationary. 90 cts. Onion sets. 40. cts. "do" ["do" was a common abbreviation for "ditto"] seed 25 cts. Paid for half Dozen Photos ($1.00) Dinner 10 cts

total amount Paid out $2.65 cts

to days Paper gives Lees loss. in Recent Battles Before Richmond at killed wounded and prisnors "40,000" (500 cannon Besides other valuable stores). Lee on the retreat. Sheridan in front with his cavalry. Grant close in rear with army.

Started home at 3.30. Brought Mrs Ball. & and "Unice" out. Got two letters at Delta one from uncle Bill. one from B. Cloud. all well. heard that J.D. Weaver was seriously if not mortaly wounded

while in City tried to get county Bounty But failed will not Pay it till get names from "Springfield" of those credited to the county. got County clerk to certify to oath of Identity on discharge and put county seal to it wouldent charge me any thing for his trouble. that is true "Patriotism"

local news quite scarce to day Every thing swallowed up in the cheering war news report of fall of Mobile not confirmed.

Jessee

Friday the 7th 1865

up Early in good health weather quite cool done But little to Day made Garden. put out onions no local news of any importance. times on the decrease slightly. war news of Encouraging nature. "Jessee"

Saturday the 8th 1865

up Early in good Health. weather cold. dry wind. put on store goods and started for Presbytery. went to Delta. to Bloomington with Bill McCain. got there at (9.30) paid 10 cts for Dinner. took 2. P.M. train for Atlanta fare $1.00. got there 3.30 walked out to church where Presbytery in session (sugar creek cong) 5 miles. was cald on for reason of tardiness gave satisfactory one. took recess till after Preaching went to Brother "Conover" took supper. night sermon by Rev Hutchison. (colored) good sermon considering. congregation dismissed. went into session finished up Business. By my request was given text to write from (Gal. 6th & 9th) midnight ajourned to meet Thursday before 2nd Sunday in Sept. next at _____

went to "Bro. Hawsers" staid all night Jim

total Expense at $1.10

Sunday 9th 1865

not very well. weather cold and chilly. spit snow a little. 11 a.m. went to meeting missionary sermon by Rev. Richards. good took up Collection for missionary purposes ($66.00) made three life members of Board. give 25 cts. dismissed went to Hawser's for Dinner. 3.30 went Back to church commission service conducted By Rev. Russel. Dismissed went Back to Hawser's sent his team to take us to Atlanta went to Bro Roaches thence to church Hutchison Preached good sermon. large congregation Back to Roaches. heard train coming started for Depot. Barely got there in time to take train got no ticket had to Pay $1.10 Bloomington 11.30 went to American H. took Bed Expense of to day ($1.35) All well Jessee

Monday the 10th 1865

up at 7. a.m. feel quite dull. weather tolerable Pleasant. 7.30 Received dispatch that Lee had surrendered his Entire Army to Gen Grant. Created great Excitement rang Bells. fired cannon and had great rejoicing a Rumor was circulataed that Meade & Sheridan was Both killed not received dispatch confirming Previous one. and giving official report People rallied again had Big time rang Bells fired cannon. had Batt. of old soldiers parading streets firing volleys By Plattoons great enthusiasm Prevailed 3.30 started home rode out with E Miller. got home Just at sundown

Expense of Day Bed fifty cents Grub 25 cts Bottle "Carmine" 85. cts Daily 5. Candy 5. total $1.20 cts

Jessee

Tuesday the 11th 1865

in good Health as common. weather warm and cloudy. in A.M. "PM" rained forenoon worked in garden Planted Potatoes. &c. P.M. Harnessed up to Plow commenced to rain put up Horses. wrote a letter to uncle Wm Weaver. times about the same no extra news of Local D'pt. war news Encouraging Prospect Brightning Copper cheap Jim

Wednesday the 12th

feel well. weather pleasant. commenced Plowing with Both teams on strip on west side field hard work. noon. J.J. Craig came Down to see me. about going to J. Oswalts. to Party. P.M finished strip came up and commenced on stuble in Meadow. night. Peter Price came out to stay all night John Craig came down fixed up and went to the Party dry time But "few gals" there came home at 11.30 Rumored that Johnston's surrenderd

Jessee

Thursday the 13th

all well weather nice. finished Plowing. went to timber got a brush &c dinner Holloway & Aunt. & Aunt Mary. here P.M. sowed Peice in oats. Holloway helped. hauled load sand put on garden. Broke stalks till night. heard that J.D. Weaver was not Expected to survive his wound. Confederacy about "Played out" times dull. Jessee

Friday the 14th 1865

feel fine. weather quite pleasant. A.M went down and sowed strip on west side in oats. came up and went to Braking stalks. P.M. finished Braking stalks went. and got Dan. "Hoover's" Rake came Back and Raked some stalks did not perform very well. night Indications of rain. Burned off Stalkes Raked. heavy cannonading west. some good news suppose. times about the same

Jim

Sat. the 15th 1865

in good health as common. Rained last night weather still unsettled. raining occasionaly. hitched up plowed strip in yard for Potatoes. & strip By willows then went into field to Plowing stalks under. "Sims caught out his teams. Plowed till 4. P.M. quit turned my team out. took Simses went to Delta took Plow got Sharpened learned the sad news of President Lincolns & Sewards assassination created great Excitement and spread a Pall of Gloom. and Sadness. over the Loyal Masses. sad times indeed with him almost falls the hope of our nation. got letter from Uncle Joe. came home sundown. rained some. Business Closed "Jessee"

Sunday 16th 1865

feel well Physicaly. rather Down spirited. Put on store goods took Deacons mare. went to Holloways met John Craig according to Promise. went to Bishop school Hs. Sunday Schol. short But good. lecture by Rev John Leard. on Destitution in Arkansas took up collection ($8.90) came to Holloways for Dinner. staid till night.

went to Spring "Leard" lectured raised ($13.10) for Benefit of Orphan children in "Ark." was put on committee (Permenant) to raise means for same purpose. went home with Cal Standiford various Rumors incirculation in regard to the assassinations at Washington & consequences "Jessee"

Monday the 17th 1865

in good Health. feel quite drowsey. got home just at the Dawn of Day. went to Bed knew nothing more till called to Breakfast. after that was Disposed of. Harnessed up and went to Plowing. got a long finely. Mrs. Dr "Malone" here all Day. night Dr Came Both staid all night. rained considerable During night. times about the same as for the Past few days. farming Behind the times reported that Mobile is taken with 8,000 Prisnors. "Jim W"

Tuesday 18th

feel fine weather warm finished Plowing for oats & in PM commenced sowing. 4 P.M. got Deacon to sow in my Place went to Delta. to meet committee of Begging for Orphans of Arkansas. whole amount collected in all good and Money ($37.20) made out Bill of goods to send up to town came home no news of any note time Dull all goes on Modereate Jim

Wednesday the 19th

feel fine little rainy this a.m. went to timber hauled load of wood. P.M. sowed oats very windy got done little Befor night Burned some fodder no news night to to spring to meeting of "League" got strip of crape to wear on arm thirty days Badge of mourning for "Lincoln." no Business of any import good turn out for the "spring" came home Jessee

Thursday 20th 1865

in very good Health. "weather cloudy and rainy." went out and commenced plowing for corn. on East side field "Sims" took Craigs kettle home. then came out. PM went out to Plow went three rounds. rained so hard quit came home no news of any interest to day. all quiet on Kickapoo "Jim"

Friday 21st 1865

Health good weather unsettled. to wet to Plow went to Keerans. got some Parsneps seeds went to Craigs got dinner. came to Holloways got some Books came home turning colder. no news of any interest local or foreign times the same "Jessee"

Saturday the 22nd "/65

in good Health as common. weather quite cold. spitting snow all day. some times "rather loud" Plowed all day. got along fine Plowed bout four Acre's. run Both teams. no news of great interest Gold gone up little "corn" and goods took slight rise. in "consequence"

war news. rebellion still "tumbling in" "Booth" not yet "apprehended" no Definite trace of him. "Payne" the assassin of "Seward" Identified" By all the "family" night still snowing ground white "Jim"

Sunday the 23d 1865

in good Health as common. Weather little cool in morning But turned off warm and pleasant AM wrote letters one to B Cloud on to miss Hannah Jessee. P.M. went to Holloways then with Mollie. Down to Delta mailed letters came Back out home. Back to Holloways night went to "spring school house" to Prayr meeting. quite a large congregation. "Back home" no news of any interest to Day times about the same. Jim

Monday the 24th

feel fine weather quite pleasant to Day Plowed all day with Both teams got a long fine Plowed over four acres. weather fine now and Every Body Busy at work times lively. Business Brisk local news very scarce to Day

Reported that Johnston has surrendered his army on "Shermans" terms if so the Confederacy is Played out Jessee

Tuesday the 25th 1865

in good Health. "weather fine" Plowed till noon came to Dinner. P.M. Plowed till. no news of interest from reports there is some doubts whether sherman surrendered to Johnston "or Johnston "to "Sherman" great deal of dissatisfaction at terms Sherman gave Grant gone to straiten up affairs to suit the Dp't. at Washington. local news of no interest times about the same Deacon went to Bloomington sent By him for 1/2 Batch Liniment 75 cts condition Powder 75 cts total $1.50 Jim

Wednesday the 26th "/65

in good Health fine Spirits. weather fine Plowed till noon came to Dinner. Spaded up some ground for Parsneps. P.M. Broke some stalks in East field and then Raked them up. Burned them. got done just before night. came in Eat supper. went out and Sowed Parsneps seed. no news of any interest in circulation Local items scarce getting along fine with our work Expect to plow some this week. if weather favorable times lively. Jessee

Thursday the 27th 1865

feel Bully. "weather fair and nice" A.M. Plowed till noon Came to Dinner. A.P. Craig & J. W. Beaty. here for Dinner. uncle A.P. wanted me to go up to the union to Sunday school. wanted me for superintendant could not make up my mind to consent. P.M. went out and Plowed till nearly dark commenced to rain. turned very cold "Sims" took D. Hoover's stalk rake Home quit came home Done up work &c rained all night no news of interst Shermans conditions not so Bad as at first represented. But will not Be sanctioned By the Powers

that Be times about the same Jim

Friday the 28th 1865

in good Health as common. "weather very disagreeable cold and rainy" ground to wet to plow. made a "Marker" to day. P.M. rained nearly all the afternoon. late slightly abated made some Beds and sowed some more "parsnep" seeds done up the work "night" J J Craig came "Down" staid all night &c no news of any note Rumor that "Booth" had Been killed is confirmed. Local items of no interest times monotonous Jim

Saturday the 29th 1865

feel fine. "weather cool and pleasant" Plowed all day with Both teams finished Sorgum. Peice then went to five Acre Peice. By Teters got along fine no news of any great Interest to Day. all goes on well times are about the Same as usual Price the same as for the past week. Sherman ordered to resume hostilities "Jessee"

Sunday the 30th 1865

in good Health. fine spirits. weather cloudy. cold. and raining. rained incessantly all night. and till noon to day. wrote a letter to Miss "Fannie Ames" for "John Craig" PM went to Craigs. John gone. came Back to Holloways and waited till he came read him the letter. approved & sealed it up late went to Delta mailed some letters. from there to "Standifords" staid all night good time no news of interest to day "Jim"

Monday "May" 1st 1865

Started home at Dawn of day. "feel fine" only a little sleepy. Deacon Just got when got home Eat Breakfast ground to wet to work went to timber cut some Poles to fix Marker. went to Holloways. came home for Dinner. PM hoed onions. went to Dan Hoovers. got old Kit. had hard time to catch her. got a letter from "Baylis "Cloud" with "Photo" all well. night rained again nearly all night no news. "Jessee"

Tuesday the 2nd "/65

feel fine weather warm. ground very wet. took Eddy out to Holloways left him there went to Craigs staid for Dinner. PM went to Delta. Ladies "Q.L." met there not many out. came home. caught "Fannie" went Back to Holloways" met JJ Craig. went to Bishop S.H. to writing school. not very many out. left and came Back to "Coffeys" to see spiritual Rappings "perform" diden't amount to much several youngsters there had some fun. Came home at midnight Dr "Malone" Dr Malone" staid all night no news of interest "Jessee"

Wednesday the 3d 1865

feel fine. weather pleasant. times moderate fore noon went looked at ground found would do to work went over to Hoovers Pasture. got old kit came home fed Eat Dinner &c P.M. worked out west peice corn ground. night went to spring to meeting of M.L.A. was appointed asst. Sec'ty and on committe on By laws no news to Day of unusual interest times the same Jessee

Thursday the 4th "/65

"all O.K." weather warm. "Sultry" went out mended Marker. staked off "ground" took Jock & Sump and commenced to mark out East Piece. got about half done. Sims finished Braking five "Acre" piece. and went and got Holloways Planter. P.M. made long double tree. put on four Horses. and commenced planting Corn got four or five Acres Planted. late sprinkled a little. heavy clouds in west threatning rain. night rainging. raind very hard. no news to Day. "Jessee"

Friday the 5th 1865

in good Health as common. weather very warm. and cloudy ground very wet. to wet to work rained very hard all night. P.m. went to Holloways. thence to Bill Blues. thence to creek with Holloway and others. made contract to Breed mare to Wilson horse went into Club with Holloway and McCain. tried her But wouldent take. night raining. dreadful wet time rather Dull prospect for Planting corn for few days

Saturday the 6th "/65

in good Health as common. Weather very unsettled to wet to work at Any thing with comfort or profit. A.M. wrote some and fooled around till Dinner. P.M. went to Delta to "gipsy ville" quite a crowd there lots of them fools enough to pay them to tell their fortune I "couldn't see it" had some fun Jumping. running. &c Mail came got no letter. came home no news of any great Interest. times about the same. all quiet on Kickapoo. "Jessee"

Sunday the 7th 1865

feel fine weather pleasant. 9. A.M. went up to the Union to organize sunday school. was elected ass't. superintendant 11. A.M. sermon By A. Cox "good" came to "keerans" for Dinner took aunt H'h to Holloways 2.P.M. went to spring SH to Sunday school wasent to Be till four Came Back to Balls left horses there went to gipseyville. then walked to spring with Cal. was chosen teacher of young men Bible class. Back to "Keeran's" night went with sallie and Mollie to "spring" to meeting then came home. no news to day of note Jessee

Monday the 8th "/65

feel fine weather quite pleasant A.M. took Jack and Sump finished marking out East of slough. Sims went to Holloways. got Horse. came home got Done Marking about 9.0. let Holloway have Marker. put on four horses went to planting

P.M. finished peice west of Branch and commenced

on peice East. got a long fine. no news of any note to Day. times about the same "Jessee"

Tuesday the 9th

up at dawn of Day. feel fine. weather little warm but pleasant. went to planting Early. got a long fine little muddy in a place or too. P.M. finished the peice East Branch. came up and planted some in peice left for "sorghum" late rained a little. no news of any note in circulation to Day. have now about 25 "Acres" Planted times Moderate "Jim"

Wed. the 10th 1865

in good Health weather warm and unsettled marked out ground for sorghum. commenced to rain went to house. rained hard. 10 am. went to Uncle Holloways to Mare home Eat dinner went to Craigs J Gardner cut hair cut uncle Porter and his. went to gipsy ville "with John" came home no news times about the same night went to League at No 2 Teter Brown Rush Initiated Jessee

Thursday the 11th "/65

feel fine weather fair a.m. planted "sorghum" covered with hoe. P.M. fixed sweet Tater patch to fannie "went to Delta" then to keerans came home night went to Hollway. went with Mollie up to hall to spelling school poor time came home heard to day that J D Weaver was Dead no news "Jim"

Friday the 12th 1865

feel fine weather fair a.m. marked out five acre peice planted some Deacon Droped PM finished Just night Covered with harrow. night rained some times lively "Jessee"

Saturday the 13th 1865

in good Health as common. weather warm. a.m. went over to Dan. Hoovers. to get stalk rake. killian using it. came Back got Hassman's. commenced to rake done fine old Kit. Balked had to take her out put in Jack got along fine. P.M. finished raking Burned stalks. rained some. done some writing night went to spring "school house" to "League" was there late came home "raining" very cold rain. no news of any Interest in circulation now. times moderate Jessee

Sunday the 14th 1865

up late. feel fine. rained some Early a.m. considerable last night. Done up work. dressed and went up to Union to Sabbath school. had charge of School as the superintendant was not present. got along fine. good school. Partially organized system for conduct of school. got through at 11 sermon By Rev. "goodrich" went to Holloways for Dinner. to spring with Mollie. Preaching at three By "Goodrich" sunday school at four. came Back with Mollie. then went to "Standifords" good time "Gates "Landis" there staid till two oclock and came home no news of note. "Jim"

Monday the 15th 1865

in good Health as common Weather warm. commenced Breaking up corn ground in forty got along fine worked all Day with Both Teams. Heard of the "CAPTURE of JEFF. DAVIS" "Bully" no other news of any note Mary Williams came out visiting staid all night times moderate Business fluctuating Jim

Tuesday the 16th "/65

feel fine weather warm indication of rain. worked with Both teams finished plowing in forty. no news of any note Night very warm rained some. Business Dull Jim

Wednesday the 17th 1865

Health good. weather warm. A.M. Marked out ground. P.M. commenced planting "slow" Deacon droped. showery all Eve. no news of any interest. times about the same. Jessee

Thursday the 18th 1865

Health good as common. weather warm and rainy. A.M. went down to Delta. mailed letter got Dimes worth of Postage stamps came Back to Holloways. went Back with "him" and some others to "gipsy" got their Sein. went fishing. gone nearly all day had some good times. caught some fish. "right smart chance". came Back to Delta. 4. P.M. Divided fish. went to office got mail came to Holloways got Horse and came home. Brought out Brogan Shoes. no news of any importance. reported that they took old "Jeff" into Washington to Day times about the same "all quiet on "Kickapoo." "Jim"

Friday the 19th "/65

feel fine. "up Early" commenced planting corn Sims furrowed out. I Droped. till Nearly noon Deacon came out. droped. went to covering. P.M. worked hard got nearly done. "Weather very warm with indications of rain soon" times moderate no news of interest Jim

Saturday the 20th "/65

up Early. feel Bully. Weather quite warm. A.M. finished Planting ten Acre "peice in forty" Planted our Potatoes Planted 8 or 10 Bushels. on between 1/4 & 1/2 Acre. of ground. Deacon helped us. covered mostly with "hoe" got done By noon. PM. went out and fixed some ground for sweet "Potatoes" took a look at corn not coming to suit me. perhaps most of it will come. droped moderately. crooked. came to house caught fannie. went to "Delta" no mail. came to Holloways shaved went to Keerans. Eat supper. Bred fannie to Wilsons Horse. took twice came home Night went out to savidge "School House" to singing dry affair. David Baylor teacher gave 10 cts to Buy candles with. came home went to Bed no news of any interest in circulation to day times moderate corn down to 25 "cts" per "bush" "Jessee"

Sunday the 21st 1865

feel fine. weather warm and nice. up Early put on store goods. went to craigs. stoped got John. went on to union Church. 9. A.M. commenced sabbath school. good school. large turn out great interest manifested. "got along fine" 10.30 Dismissed School. 11 A.M. Sermon By Rev. A. Cox. good Dis course. came to Craigs for Dinner. 3. Pm went to "Holloways" then to "spring" to Sunday School at 4. good school. went to Delta staid awhile then went to Twinings took my woman to spring to prayr meeting at night. went home with her staid till Day break. came home. "Jim"

Monday the 22nd

feel fine little sleepy. weather warm and nice went out looked at corn went to Prices field got roller. and rolled west peice in East field Sims Harrowed some. late sett out some sweet Potatoes 385 slips didn't get half set out that was pulled. no news of any note. times on Decline corn 20 cts per bush "no news" "Jessee"

Tuesday the 23d "/65

feel fine. weather quite warm "A.M." went out and set out some sweet Potatoes. ("Sims," too) watered all we had set out. took till nearly noon. Got 9.48 set out. came in fed. and Harnessed up. &c P.M. Sims went to "rolling" corn. I took Jack" and "fannie" went out gathered some corn. Broke up some more ground for "sweet "taters" "Deacon" came out and fixed some ridges. throwed up "8" ridges. then came in Early Supper. pulled off all slips ready. all hands "&" the "women" went out and went to work. women and "Zera" watered Sims and I set out. put out over one thousand. making over (2,000) out). no news of any interest to Day times about the same Prices on decline. "all goes on well" "Jim"

Wednesday the 24th "/65

feel bully. weather warm. with indications of rain. sultry towards noon. "Sims" went to rolling. went shelled some seed corn. fixed sweet "tater" bed went to Dan Hoovers. got "hoe" came Back went to replanting corn. commenced in first Planting. Poor stand. ground in Poor condition. Baked. some of corn "nearly up" But ground so hard can't make it. replanted all day slow work. very tedious Job.

heard that C. "Stillhammer" had got home on leave of absence. soon look for all the soldiers that time is out before 1st October. that includes 94th & 150th no news of note to Day. "night" turned little cooler. Prospect for rain not so bright Jim

Thursday 25th

Health good. "Weather little cool" replanted corn Nearly all day. spent part of Day in sweet Potatoes. taking cut worms of "working on them" very bad" times about the same prospect for wheat good. corn moderate. considerable corn to plant yet. no news of any note to day. "Jessee"

Friday the 26th "/65

feel fine Weather nice. Early caught out Jack & fannie went to town in wagon. Deacon & Zera. went along got to town Early "Business Dull" took some wheat to "Barbours" Mill. Saw "C." "Stillhammer" spent $3.60 for Dinner. shirting &c no news of any note in the City. to day. 4. P.M. Started home. got home Just before sun down. "Sims" replanted corn all Day or nearly so. "t'l. $3.60. "Jessee"

Saturday the 27th 1865

feel fine. weather warm. and dry. ground getting very dry. some of sweet Potatoes dying "We" replanted corn all Day Badly missing in the low places. in high ground "stands very well" Night went to spring school house to League. very good time. "got home little late" no news to Day of any interest times on Decline. Considerable corn to plant yet. no war news to day "Jessee"

Sunday the 28th 1865

in usual health to day. weather quite warm. and very Dry. up Early. went up to Union church to to "Sabbath School" superintendant there But gave the school over to me. very good school. tendered my resignation as ass't. sup't. to vote on it voted unanimous for me to stay. or hold the "position" 11. A.M Sermon By the Rev. Mr Vanpelt. very good. went to A P Craigs for Dinner. 2 P.M. went to Holloways left mare there and walked down to the Spring. with girls to Preaching at three By Mr Vanpelt. 5 P.M. Sunday school. very good. went to H's night went to Spring to Prayr meeting very good meeting went home with Mary Williams. then came home P Ball at Holloways to night no news "Jim"

Monday the 29th "/65

good Health. weather warm and Dry. times very good commenced working in corn Sims run once in row with cultivator. followed with harrow once on row. does very nice work. got along fine. no news of any interest. quit at supper. and watered sweet taters Jim

Tuesday the 30th

feel fine. weather warm. and very Dry. worked at corn as yesterday. got long fine. got done west peice. and half day in East. corn looks fine quit for Early supper and watered sweet taters times the same no news to day Jessee

Wednesday the 31st "/65

in good Health as common "weather warm and very dry" no prospect of rain very soon. worked in corn to Day. quit at half past five Came to supper rode "Jack" took it quite cool. after supper set out one hundred sweet "tater" slips and watered all the rest. Not doing very well to dry. times about the same. Jane "Montgomery"

came out to day Staid all night. no news of any import to day "all goes well" Jessee

Thursday "June" the 1st 1865

feel fine weather warm and Dry. yet. as this was a day set a part By President "Johnson" to Be observed By prayr and suplication did not work to Day. Sims went "fishing" went up to union "church" service at 11 A.M. By Rev. A. Cox very good sermon. concluded with prayr. By Rev. R. D. Taylor. came to uncle Porters for Dinner. cut Johns & Jo's Hair. went to "Delta" came Back to Holloways. Brought some letters for them News from war department that all the Rebs west Miss. River has surrendered up so the war is now at an End. "Bully" came home Eat supper. &c Boys caught considerable "fish" time moves gently on. "Jim"

Friday the 2nd "/65

feel fine weather warm and very dry. "wheat" and "oats" needs rain very bad. corn not suffering yet. Especialy that. "thats up". worked in corn to Day with cultivator and harrow as Before. finished East peice Just before sun Down. no news to day of any great interest. times about the same. some twelve prisnors Broke Jail at Bloomington last night some went out on LeRoy road stole J.N. Savidge's Mare. went in pursuite of them. Caught one Between twinings & Delta. "Jim"

Sat. the 3d 1865

all well weather warm and Dry. 7. "A.M." caught out team and went to work on Road. "Deacon" and "Sims" too. worked till noon went to Holloways. got Dinner. worked after dinner. till 4.30 then went to Delta. (got clear receipt for all Labor Due the road this season.) got letter from sister Hannah. all well. Sherif Ewing returned to day reports Savidge Heard from man "on track" all goes on well "Jessee"

Sunday the 4th "/65

feel fine "weather warm" and Dry. A.M. Staid at home wrote letter to J. H. Robertson & Baylis Cloud. 3. P.M. went to Delta mailed letters went to Spring "—" to "Sunday School" very good School. went to Twinings then to Standifords "all right" no news to day of any note. Jim

Monday the 5th "/65

got home little before "Day" took nap. up. Early breakfast went to Breaking up peice in East field that's Been to wet all spring till now. some indications of rain. P.M. harrowed and Planted what we broke A.M. dident get peice quite Done. Deacon went to town to day no news of any note weather very war and Dry times about the Same Jessee

Tuesday the 6th

all well weather warm. and Dry. finished braking and Planting peice. harrowed some in our "Sorghum" P.M. finishewd harrowing out the sorghum and commenced hoeing it. no news of interest. times about the same. mollie Holloway. and Sarah Keeran came out visiting times "about the same"

set out 236 sweet "taters" slips Jim

Wednesday the 7th

feel fine. weather warm and Dry. very close finished Sorghum. hoed sweet taters. replanted some "Corn" and watered part of "taters" Evry thing suffering for rain some indications of rain Bill "Worley" got home came out to Holloways "Jim"

Thursday the 8th

all well. feel fine. commenced to rain about 3 a.m. fine rain "makes things look up" W Worley & aunt Martha came out. P.M. commenced plowing in 5 acre peice works fine no news Jessee

Friday the 9th 1865

in good Health. weather warm. A.M. finished plowing 5 acre peice. and commenced plowing in west "peice" corn looks fine growing "Bully" P.M. plowed rained nice shower. stoped us about two hours. weather very warm. indication of more rain no news of note times about the same Jessee

Sat. the 10th 1865

feel Bully. weather little Cool. "foggy" and "Misty" Sims and Deacon went to town to day. a.m. went to Holloways got (121) Cabbage plants came home and set them out. nice plants. P.M. hoed and weeded out parsneps took till nearly four oclock went to Delta. got no mail. had fuss with Jake Vandevender. rebel Deserter. choked him a little gave him a lecture. "Begged off" went to Craigs Eat supper. went with John out to Savidge School house. Preaching "poor" discourse came home. Dispatch came to Bloomington to day that 94th would Be home in ten days times about the same no news "Jim"

to city by Deacon for "rope" and pencil Both $0.55cts

Sunday the 11th 1865

all right. weather very warm. a.m. put on store goods and went to Bishop school hous to sunday school (at 10) good school. took Cal. from twinings over. got some tickets to sell for donation "Dinner" By the school for benefit superintendant. school out. went home with Cal. took dinner. then Came to spring to S__ School at four very good school. went home with Cal. got my horse and came home stoped a short time at Twinings. then came on home no news to day of note times about the same. war news played out. all quiet in Delta

"Jessee"

Monday the 12th 1865

feel fine weather warm. and Pleasant with indications of rain. A.M. plowed corn. looks fine P.M. finished west peice and commenced. in the East corn looks well. "Misty" all P.M rain little got a long fine no news of note night went to Holloways Cal. there staid late

"Jim"

Tuesday the 13th "/65

feel fine raining when got up rained all day "hard at intervals" A.M. went to Holloway's then to "Keeran's " thence to Craig's John came with me Back to Holloway's staid till "Dinner" came out home Brought "Deacon" some Cabbage Plants got "kit" went Back to H's rained very hard. 5 P.M. quite raining took Cal. home "came right Back" Saw Ja's "Montgomery" Just got home "Discharged" no news of note times about the same vegetation growing fine Wilson

Wednesday the 14th

feel fine "Weather warm and unsettled" to wet to Plow. put ashes. on sweet taters. "little striped Bug Eating them up" alittle larger than and jump like a flea. took survey of wheat. "Chintz Bug" Eating that up in oats some too. P.M. Plowed corn. done very well. showery. "Slightly" got along finely. no news of note Mrs Hassman & Mrs Dr Prunty Down visiting

Dan Hoover & Father had fight this am "Jim

Thursday the 15th

feel fine weather warm and showery During the Day. Plowed Corn all Day. done "fine" done Big Days work. times good corn grows fine no news 150th to Be home soon Jessee

Friday the 16th

feel fine weather warm. Plowed all day. a.m. finished East Peice and commenced in five acre peice P.M. finished that piece and quit for night no news of any note Jim

Saturday the 17th 1865

feel "Bully" weather warm and dry. A.M. plowed out the sorghum. then commenced to plow west peice. crooked way P.M. Plowed till 5 oclock. then came to supper. set out and watered and ashed 171 sweet tater plants "Bugs more moderate" night went to savidge school house to singing Dry. no news of note times good Jessee

Sunday the 18th

feel fine weather weather warm and quite pleasant 11 a.m. went to union to meeting sermon By Rev. A Cox very good came to John Gardners for dinner P.M. came to Craigs J.J.C. gone. went to Bishop S.H. to S.S. at 3 Pm good School. 4 P.M. sermon by Rev Fisk very good went home with Cal. staid all night Gates Landis with Frank had a good time generaly no news Jim

Monday the 19th

feel about as well as a man could that set up all night weather warm staid and took Breakfast with Father "Standiford's" after Breakfast cornered Mr. and Mrs. Standiford. up and asked and obtained their consent to a matrimonial alliance Between my self and their Daughter Miss M.C. "Standiford" they offered no objection at all. came home and went to Plowing got along very well "noon" rained a good shower. took nap P.M. Plowed till night. all goes on well now times very good Chintz Bug. still continue their work of destruction no news of note to day. "John McCain's" heir Born to day "Jessee"

Tuesday 20th 1865

in good Health as usual. weather warm & "cloudy" a.m. finished plowing west Peice corn. and went into forty P.M. very warm. rained a little. asked to help tear down "Keerans" House to morrow no news of any interest Jessee

Wednesday the 21st 1865

feel quite well "weather very warm" a.m. went and helped "Keeran" with his house plenty of hands. sawed the roof into and took it of in four peices. and set them up on the ground to form a temporary residence untill they get the other house done. "got along very well" got roof off and set up By noon & no Body hurt. then Eat dinner. P.M. tried farming no go. Came home watered and fed the Horses. went and looked at sweet "taters" Doing very well. Bugs all left them or nearly so. came Back to house. had "Parsneps" Picked some goos Berries for Aunt. "Matt" late replanted cabbage with "sweet taters" watered them and cabbage put ashes on all. no news of any interest times about the same. no fluctuations

"Jim"

Thursday the 22nd

feel very well. "weather very warm" with indications of rain a.m. finished plowing in forty. P.M. commenced in the East Peice. getting along fine. corn growing fast "Bully"

Deacon took my team and went to City to day sent By him for some Domestic "and shirt" Bosond. did not get the kind sent for have to go Back spent three dollars of my money. times very good. no news of any interest to day looking for the 94th Every Day now. received a circular from G H Harlaw

P.S. Tribune failed this week. Lost to Delta.

"Jim"

Friday the 23d 1865

in very good Health. "weather warm" sprinkled rain in P.M. Plowed corn all day. got along fine. corn looks wells. no news of interest to day

"Jessee"

Sat. the 24th 1865

feel Bully. "weather warm and Dry" hired Zera. to Plow for me till noon went with Deacon out to Dr. Craig's to sale things went high. Bought nix "Bid on wagon" no go. Horses Bid in. times very good. no news of interest to day Business on the advance all moves on together PM went to Delta. no news Savidge opened Lager Beer Saloon. Jessee

Sunday the 25th 1865

in usual Health. weather warm and "raining" rained hard last night. gentle rain till 8. a.m. ceased. went out to dedication of new "church" P.M. quite a congregation there only about half got in the "house" very poor sermon. after which took up a collection and subscription to Pay for church &c wanted ($500) dont know how much he got. went home with E. Graff for dinner. went to Spring to Sabbath School Sup'd't plead absent By request to charge of School. after school went home with "My Woman" had good time. no news to day

"Jim"

Monday the 26th 1865

up Early. feel fine. weather warm. with Indications of rain soon old man Hoover here for Breakfast. plowed all day. plowed out young corn a.m. and commenced in sorghum. P.M. finished "Sorghum" took shovels. and commenced in five Acre peice. last plowing for it presume. Does it up nice. got along finely. corn looks Bully. no news of note L.C. Teter came home on 30 Day furlough today. times very good. Aunt Matt. and Mollie went out to "Keerans" stoped a while in field.

"Wilson"

Tuesday the 27th 1865

feel fine. "weather cool and nice" out to work Early. worked hard all Day finished plowing 5 Acre peice. then came to west peice. got along fine plowed about (12) Acres to Day. "laying "west peice by". looks some like rain. "night" no news of note Sims went up to aunt. Maggie "Weavers" staid over night times about the same wheat got the blight (or spot) Bad. "Jim"

Wednesday the 28th 1865

feel fine. weather warm shower at 8t a.m. finished west peice at 8t. and went into "forty" does fine corn growing "Bully" McCain came came down to get us to help put up flag at Delta next sat. couldn't see it. no news Jessee

Thursday the 29th "/65

feel fine "up Early" weather warm. hitched up my team and went to Bloomington. hired Zera to Plow in my Place to Day to keep things going. took Lib. Ketterman. up from Delta and back got along fine. no news of note "94th gone to Texas" sure. times very good. Borrowed thirty ($30.00) dollars of "John Marcellus" bought some Dogoods for "Wedding" Pants. vest, and hat for 20 dol. Boots 8t Dol. shirting ($3.60) "kerchief and P'r. socks 75 cts. Box Blacking 10 cts dinner 15 cts. total amount of Expenses to day ($32.00) got home at 5 P.M. all right "Jessee"

Friday the 30th 1865

feel fine. weather warm plowed all day got along "Bully" done Big Days work to Day will get done laying East By. By noon to morrow. corn looks Bully. growing fast. sweet taters doing fine now no news to Day. times very good. "Jim"

Sat. July the 1st 1865

all well. weather warm. and sultry. finished Plowing East peice took till little after Dinner. time. Day. But thought would finish as that was all we had to Plow for few Days got corn all laid By now But little young corn. P.M. went to "Delta." no mail. train run of track an other Drunken Day at Delta. Lager in good Demand Dave Gapin. J. Gardner. had norse race run on road above Delta. went up By there with Cal. told them if they dident dry it up would return them all to "Grand Jury" came Back home went out to Savidge "S.H." to singing "Engaged" D. Baylor's Buggy for certain occasion came home at recess. no news of note. Deacon went to City to day worked Jock & "Gin" no news in town. "of note"

Lafollette Drunk tight at little wagon neighborhood getting Down on Delta. Jessee

Sunday the 2nd 1865

feel well "weather warm and Dry" went out and looked at wheat. "Italian" Badly injured By "Scab" Club not so Bad. went to Union to Church at 11 a.m. good dis course By Rev. A Cox. from Heb's. 6th 1st & 3d inclusive Rev. R D Taylor concluded. came to Craigs for Dinner. went to Holloways. thence to Bishop "S"H" at 3. P.M. lecture By Rev. Geo. Bishop 4. P.M. sermon By same. went home with Miss M.C. "Standiford" took supper. Staid all night good time. H.G. Landis. with Maggie. no news times very good. corn looks fine. Jim

Monday the 3d 1865

feel fine weather warm. got home little after Day. went to Bed slept awhile got and helped Sims. hoe Potatoes. P.M. went to get hands to harvest Wednesday went to Craigs. and Holloways all right. went to Delta. had a long talk with Savidge about the Lager. Beer Business made nothing came Back to Holloways. saw Mary Storey agreed to haul Mollie to City to morrow. came home. no news of note Jim

Tuesday 4th "/65

up Before Day. Breakfast Early. hitched up went to "Holloways" got mollie and Mary "S" went to Standifords got Cal. went over to cherrys grove road thence to city got there 5. am. Big day in town But of

very little interest to me. several fire Engines Played "done well" Eat dinner with Holloways. supper at American House. night fire works poor. came home Perry came with Mollie. rumored 94th Back to Mobile Paid Zera 50 cts total Expenditur Big day. lots of People there "Jessee"

Wednesday the 5th 1865

all well weather warm and Dry. commenced to cut wheat to day "Craigs" Machine dident get to work till late. got along moderate. wheat very poor. had J.M. Holloway Bill Blue, J Gardner H Killian. and Berry Craig to help me Zera carried water. cut 6. or 7. Acres. quit a little Before sundown. no news of note times very good put on four Horses PM "Deacons" Jim

Thursday the 6th

feel very well weather still hot and Dry. AM. finished cutting Italian wheat and commenced in Club. concluded was to green quit Between 9. & 10. had the same hands as yesterday Except "Gardner" P.M caught out fannie. went to Brother Coxs Engaged him celebrate marriage ceremony for me one week from to day at "his" house". went on to the city. got my coat Paid ($1.50) for cleaning went got License $1.25 had to make affidavit. Bought collar. 25 cts. pair kid Gloves ($3.00) went to see "Thomas" about Bounty told me to write to "Haynie" got home at dark. no news of any note. in town total Expenditure $6.00. "Jessee"

Friday the 7th 1865

feel very well. weather quite warm. A.M. plowed out young corn. and Sorghum. very Sultry P.m. all went to Creek took bathe. came Back to Holloways rained little went to Keerans took supper went to Craigs then to Mercellers. then Gardners Back to Craigs got him to agree to put of cutting wheat till Monday "hard work" no news to day of any consequence in circulation times about the same all quiet in Delta. Ground getting to Dry need rain "Bad" corn Doing very well yet no war news of note

Jessee

Saturday the 8th 1865

feel fine. weather very warm with strong indications of rain. a.m. went to Holloways after after some Ink. got none. went to Keerans got some. came Back through the field stoped a while where Holloway was cutting wheat ten foot machine does good work and much cheaper than smaller one came home wrote a letter to Adj't Gen. Hayside. P.M. took walk through the fields with Deacon. Sweet taters doing fine now. every things suffering for rain. went over to Dan. Hoovers Jawed him a while. came home went to H's thence to Delta got no mail sent letter to LeRoy. to Be Mailed. rained some no news to day of any note Delta inhabitants quite Sulky "Jim"

Sunday the 9th 1865

feel Bully. weather Pleasant raining when awoke this am a good shower. a.m. cloudy and still threatning more rain hope we will get more for we need rain Badly. spent forenoon reading

P.M. went to Holloways thence to Spring School Hs Preaching Just out. went to Standifords staid till about midnight to sick. something like the Cholerallarbus. came home rained hard on me all the way. no news of note. Jim

Monday the 10th

cloudy and trying to rain got up But so sick had to go Back to Bed. lay Bed till nearly noon. got up got some dinner. P.M. harvested & shocked and cut in hour or two commenced to rain had John & Manul Mercellus Berry Craig and John Gardner & Sims Bound. Jessee

Tuesday the 11th

feel Poorly weather raining a.m. went to Baylors got Dave's Buggy. P.M. went to City with Craig no news spent 70 "cts" got home after night 94th gone to Texas. Jessee

Wednesday the 12th 1865

feel very well. weather fair finished cutting wheat. a.m. got done By ten Eat Dinner had sore hands as Monday. P.M. went to cutting Mercellus wheat. Broke Machine. had to wait a while wheat poor. I quit Before night little while (Sims worked till got done). Came home fed mare. put on clean clothes went to Standifords staid Short time then came home. no news of note to day Jim

Thursday July 13th 1865

up quite Early. feel well as common AM weather quite gloomy, cold, cloudy and rainy curried and harnessed up horses. John Craig came down Shaved me. put on store goods went to Holloway got Mollie left there at 11 a.m. went to Standifords waited till one for C___ & Emma Young Started without them met them at the Road. Company: J.W. Jessee Miss M.C. Standiford, S.J. Craig, & Mollie Holloway HG Landis & Miss M. F. Standiford C Kimler & Emma Young arrived at Rev. A. Cox at 2 P.M. several there James W Jessee and Miss Maria C Standiford was united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony By the Rev. A. Cox then returned nearly home slight accident to Buggy throwed Mary Holloway out hurt little arrived at Standifords at 3.30 Dinner very good plenty of fun quite a jovial time till rained night all went home Fannie Badly foundered no news of any note to day P.M. clear and fair Jessee

Friday the 14th "/65

feel fine weather warm times very good Fannie stif as Poker Doctored her Bathed legs in hot water Came over to Holloways got a horse went Back 4 PM hitched up and came over to Holloways to supper very good

supper not many there late commenced to rain rained all night no news of note times about as usual Jim

Saturday the 15th "/65
feel Bully weather Cloudy and raining rained all Day hard wet ground deep. Dull Day staid at Holloways no news to day of note Jim

Sunday the 16th 1865
feel well weather cloudy cold, muddy, But no rain. hitched up went up to union to church took Mollie in Buggy sermon By Rev. A. Cox. good. Came Back and drove over to Standifords for dinner. P.M. went to Brick to Sunday School at 3 4 P.M. sermon By S Bishop. moderate. came Back to dads staid all night Fannie Better. Jim

Monday the 17th 1865
feel very well weather warm and fair hitched up and came home Cal came with me. Brought "fannie" home travels very well took Buggy home. Came Back. Eat "dinner" P.M. took Holloways "mare" home. Came Back hoed out Cabbage &c no news of any interest times about the same Jessee

Tuesday the 18th 1865
in good Health. Weather warm & cloudy went and helped Kilian cut oats hard work oats very heavy and little green. dident have hands enough. P.M. machine got out of order had to wait a while late got done. commenced to rain. "Sims" helped too. went to supper found our women there Eat went home and went to Bed very tired to night Engaged "Baylor" & "Edmiston" to cut our oats. "Incidental" Jonathan Teters mare died no news of note Jessee

Wednesday the 19th 1865
feel very well wather unsettled rained lat night A.M. raining some to wet to harvest done nix P.M. went down to David Browns helped him cut oats only four Binders ... ... work worked all P.M. no news of any interest in circulation times about the same as in common oats very heavy this season but wet time for cutting and taking care of them alls well Jim

Thursday the 20th 1865
in good Health weather unsettled very gloomy and showery A.M. went to cut oats. was to rainy did not cut any. came Back home. P.M. went to timber gathered two gallons Blackberries came home By Delta no news of interest Deacon sold old Kit. to John Roach ($120) times about the same noting going on times Dull "Jim"

Friday the 21st 1865
all well wather warm and rainy A.M. done nothing Edmiston & Killian came down Edmiston Bled "fannie" P.M. went to timber with Cal got some grapes came Back raining late very hard rain all night or nearly so. no news of any note times about the same dull prospect for saving grain wheat damaging Badly "Jessee"

Saturday the 22nd
all well weather warm cloudy and rainy a.m. done nothing to amount to any thing P.M. hitched Jock & Fanny to wagon took Cal. over to her father's staid all night no news of note Jim

Sunday the 23d 1865
feel well weather warm spent the day sitting around the house. Weather Dull late P.M. hitched up & came home commenced to rain hard. unhitched staid all night Gates there some fun times about the same Jessee

Monday the 24th 1865
all well weather warm with indications of rain soon. a.m. Early hitchd up came home (left Cal. at Dads) Sims gone to Baylors went out and hoed Sweet taters till noon P.M. went to A P Craigs to help cut oats. did not get done 5 P.M. hard rain went to house. rained till nearly dark Eat supper & went home rained nearly all night Dull times for taking care grain no news to day "Jim"

[following was in between lines of previous entry]

received letter with certificate of ... credit to county from Adj't. Gen. ... Springfield Ills.

Tuesday the 25th
all well weather warm and clear A.M. went up to A.P. Craig cut oats till noon came home Eat dinner. 3.P.M. commenced cutting oats had J Gardner Sam Brightman Philips & Son Gabe Killian a.m. Sims helped Brightman & Philip no news of any note times moderate

Wednesday the 26th
feel very well A.M. rainy J Gardner tribe wife & Aunt Lory came down E Graff here for dinner P.M. fair cut oats had E Graff J Gardner Bill Philips Boys got along great P.M. work done no news

Thursday the 27th 1865
feel fine weather warm rained all AM P.M. started cutting oats took till night had Bill & the P's J Craig Gabe & Killian no news of any note Jim

Friday the 28th
in good health weather warm. went to Edmistons to cut oats worked a while commenced to rain rained hard till noon Eat dinner went home caught out team went over to Standiford no news of note Jim

Sims went to Edmistons too.

Saturday the 29th "/65

all well weather warm and fair got up Early went out and picked a Bucket of Blackberries came home Eat Breakfast hitched up team took woman & Maggie went to city. sold Berries for ($1.55) took it in sugar spent ten cents home to dads roads desperate muddy. no news to day Jim

Sunday the 30th

all well weather fair staid at dads all day no news of any note night Gates and Maria Baily came to see gals. Jim

Monday the 31st 1865

all well. weather fair up at dawn of day went Berrying got pail full came in Eat Breakfast went out and picked 2nd pail full came in Eat supper. hitched up and went home news that 94th are on their way home Jim

Tuesday August 1st 1865

feel Bully. weather fair A.M. went to work for Bill Blue. helped McCulloughs cut oats till noon came to Holloways Eat dinner. D. Holloway & wife S Tuttle & wife there P.M. went to Bill Blues stacked hay put up two Big stacks Sims helped Craig. P.M. no news of note Jessee

Wednesday the 2nd

all well weather warm and fair A.M. hoed sweet taters P.M. stacked hay for Craig. Sims worked for Craig all day no news Jim

Thursday the 3d 1865

all well. weather warm Jesse Oswalt died at 6 a.m. went over there awhile went with Killian to City after coffin got one ($26) came home P.M. rain night went over to Mr Standifords no news of any note Jim

Friday Aug 4th 1865

all well up Early. went out and picked Bucket of Berries. came home & went to the funeral came Back quite a number of People out. went out Berrying with the old woman. got about 4 galons came home weather cloudy to day. slightly raining and very warm and sultry. some 94th came home Jim

Saturday the 5th

all well weather warm old man went to City sent up Berries Current &c ($4.50) got 6 jars ($5cts) a.m. went out and got Bucket full of Berries came home P.M. went out with the old woman got about gallon commenced to rain Came home rained hard. no news of any note

Sunday the 7th

all well. rained Early faired off staid at "dads" P.M. cloudy .. came over to uncle Joseph Weavers staid all night no news Jim

Monday the 7th 1865

in good Health weather warm and fair got up went to hunt fannie had got out. went to Holloways got Breakfast came home fannie there. went to work hoeing sweet taters pretty weedy. P.M. hoed taters. Sims helped the Deacon. stack hay night went to Holloways to see about threshing found out nothing.

Belle Prunty & Sarah Bridges visiting nick Ketterman & wife for supper.

had a Political fight at savidge school house Jim

Tuesday the 8th 1865

all well weather warm and raining Early "soon cleared up" hoed "tater" Sims helped the "Deacon" late P.M. went out to Keernys came Back no news of any note times very good Jessee

Wednesday the 9th "/65

all well. "weather warm & cloudy with some indications of rain" A.M. sims and I hoed taters. P.M. made Hay for Holloway. late rained. night very hard rain came down in torrents. and kept it up quite a while

Deacon went to City sent Dime with him for Ink. got 200 sack for grain of Holder, times moderate oats 25/ 30 corn .45 Jim

Thursday the 10th

feel fine weather warm. a.m went out to Mrs Woodcocks took contract of cutting her wild Hay give third in the Stack. saw Lew. staid till after dinner came home took team went to Holloways got old trunk went to Delta. found old woman there waited till mail came. went over to Dads Staid all night no news of any note minus 25 cts Jessee

Friday the 11th 1865

feel well. "Weather Warm" came home Early. "Brought the old woman over." Every thing very wet. Can't work at any thing. P.M. went to creek. took a bathe creek up well. no news of any interest times very good Jim

Saturday the 12th 1865

all well. weather warm and slightly cloudy. a.m. done nothing of note went over to H "Killians" Sims helped "Deacon" stack hay

P.M. went and helped Killian thresh oats "Sims" went with team got along very well. night went out to Savidge School House to singing going to Be a fight Cops "to" Clean out soldier's four or five came But was Mum. Dident have any thing to offer. would like to have seen them try their hand. no news of any note times very good. oats 30 cts corn 45 corn growing & earing fine Be Bully if late frost Jessee

Sunday the 13th 1865

all right. weather warm. cloudy. with indications of rain soon. A.M. took team & old woman went up to union to church at 11. a.m. sermon By Rev. A.Cox "good" came Back to Holloways for Dinner. Uncle Joe. Weaver & family there late P.M. Came home. wrote letter to Baylis Cloud. night Rained some. no news of note. times good. "Jim"

Monday the 14th 1865

all well weather warm. cloudy and trying to rain. A.M. sent letter to Delta. to mail done nothing much. P.M. went to uncle Jos. up to craigs. Back again helped uncle Jo saw off post cut. saw Uncle John Halderman gave me Bounty of two ($2.00) dollars By forgiving me a debt of that amount contracted previous to Enlistment. came home. no news

"Jessee"

Tuesday the 15th 1865

all well. weather warm and cloudy. foggy & misty a.m. went over to help "Killian" "thresh" gone to town. came home hauled some rails. went to Bill "Blues" P.M. took Both teams & Sims & I went and helped Killian thresh helped him half P.M. Dan Hoover the other half got done at Dark came home for supper. no news times moderate. Jim

Wednesday the 16th 1865

feel well. weather warm and trying to rain. "A.M." machine came in and Set. P.M. clear and dry. comenced threshing had M Edmiston for Killian John Teter for Dan Hoover Hassman team. & two Boys. Gabe Killian. Sol Phillips "Deacon & Zera" got along fine. no trouble at all. got four hundred (452 1/2) fifty two and half Bushels threshed no news to day of note times very good. prospect fair for some Dry weather no for a while

"Jessee"

Thursday the 17th 1865

all well. weather warm and fair. all right commenced threshing as soon as dew dried off. finished oats and threshed the wheat then hauled up Hassmans & threshed it. had Killian team & "gabe" sol Phillips. "Hassman two Boys & team" J Teter for Dan Hoover. Thornburg half of P.M. got every thing cleaned up nice and in order

(at 3cts) had (6.16) Bushels of oats. ($18.48) and
(at 6cts) (208 1/2) " " of wheat $12.51
total amount of threshing ($30.99)
no news to day of note oats 25 cts

Jim

Friday the 18th 1865

all well. weather warm. A.M. went with Both teams to help Holloway thresh got done some Before night Came home. notice served on me to serve as a Grand juror at next term. of court first Monday in September. news very scarce of any import. times rather moderate

"Jim"

Saturday the 19th 1865

all well weather warm. Loaded up five teams with oats. and took them to town. Sims had Holloways team. "Deacon" took his "took mine" H Adams & team Bill Wilson & team took up (255) bls got 25 cts per bushel at Halders oats Down terribly only 15 to 20 cts in market Deacon gave me ($20) of the money. spent 15 cts for Dinner. no news in town. came Back to Standiferds Staid all night. old woman there times very Dull. Jim

Sunday the 20th

all well. weather warm. PM came home. threatening rain got letter from Baylis Cloud with order to draw County Bounty no news Jessee

Monday the 21st 1865

all well. "weather warm" times dull. Sims took load of oats to City D. Hover. took load for the "Deacon" got 20 cts per bushel. P.M. went out fowling But killed nothing. Came Back By Keerans and home uncle Jo. came down and got his Breaking Plow. no news of any import in circulation. times hard. "Jim"

Tuesday the 22nd 1865

all well. weather warm. (cool P.M.) nothing to do to day a.m. staid at home tinkered around. P.M. went to Holloways up to uncle Joes then Back to H.s settled up with Holloway. squared accounts &c Holloway sold out. yesterday. sold place and corn. sold tolerable well. sims took up load of oats to day. took 20 sacks oats 20 cts corn 40 cts

Jim

Wednesday the 23d 1865

all well. weather very cold this a.m. turned warm towards noon. took up load of oats for "Holloway" H. Adams & Thornburg" took up load also. went up town and fed got Dinner. traded some got some "Shirting" "yarn" thread &c (4.55) Brought miss Ball out to Delta. got home at sun down. times dull oats 20 cts wheat from 75 to (1.30) went and drawed Baylis Clouds. County Bounty a fifty dollar three years Bond. dident like to issue it. to me But couldent very well help it.

"Jessee"

Thursday the 24th 1865

all well. A.M. weather little cool staid at home tinkered around. (L.C. Teter & Jane Oswalt maried to day) Dug some sweet taters. had visitors. Mary Cowden. Maggie Standiferd Belle Prunty Mrs Hassman &c PM went out to "Youngs" helped E.H. Adams thresh oats Brought load in Eat supper came home after Dark. paid him for Days hauling to town Jim

Friday 25th 1865
all well. A.M. very cool done But little all day had nothing to do P.M. warm. times dull no news of moment. child lost in the woods to day. hunted all P.M. not found when last heard from lost on farm of "Logan" "Jim"

Saturday the 26th
all well weather warm. up Early. hitched up to wagon put on store good and took "Cal". started for Mt Pleasant. went By Holloways borrowed umberrella. very good time pleasant trip all things considered. weather hot. flies Bad. corn looks well. arrived at City at noon went to "Milan Moore's" put up. Eat Dinner P.M. went out country got some hay Back put up Horses. staid all night lib Farris there. no news of any note Jim

Sunday the 27th "/65
all well. weather warm & dry. up late went Down to Molones. went with Mrs. M. to Methodist Church. 3 hours. sermon. at 11. A.M. By Rev. Shinn. on Baptism. Controversial with Campbellites very able discourse. Back to Molones. Eat Dinner. went to Aunt Sallie's Staid till night Back to Molones Staid all night no news of note times good here Jim

Monday the 28th 1865
all well. weather warm. started home at 8t a.m. Brought fifty ($50.00) dollars for Dr. Molone. to "Bill Rhoads" got to LeRoy at noon stoped awhile Sold County Bond to RF Dickerson for the sum of ($45.00) came on home. found all well no news to day of any note Jessee

Tuesday the 29th 1865
all well weather warm & dry. a.m. went to uncle Jo'es and Keerans Mrs Sims sister came. from Missouri. P.M. Plumming times dull no news Jessee

Wednesday the 30th 1865
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all well weather warm and dry. Sims & I helped Dan Hoover thresh worked all day. worked hard. very sultry no news of any material interest times dull. Business not very lively "Jim"

Thursday the 31st
all well weather warm. times moderate a.m. went up to Ed Adams to sale. Bought nix. things went high. Deacon sold place to Bailey. 38 dollars per Acre. came home went out to Tom Savidge's to sell him corn. did't trade. rained a little no news of note Jim

Friday Sep't. 1st 1865
well as common. weather warm. cloudy foggy. and trying to rain took load of oats and went to city 51 bls By measure. weighed 49.25 got 25 cts per "Bushel" went and spoke for a Wagon. (at Ferries) $1.38 to Be done 15th Inst
spent 85 cts came home no news Jessee

Sat. the 2nd 1865
all well weather very warm a.m went up to John Beaty's to sale staid till noon things went tolerable high Bought nix. Paid John Mercellus $30.00 Borrowed money came home got dinner hitched up to wagon took wife over to Standiferds staid all night times dull on decline "Jim"

Sunday the 3d
all well. weather warm a.m. took wife & others. went to whitcomb school house to church. good sermon went home. with Mr Myres took dinner Eat Peaches &c came Back to Standiferds left Call and came home no news Jessee

Monday the 4th "/65
all well. weather very warm a.m. took team took up load of wheat to city for "Deacon" took sick on way high fever. left team with Sims at "Depot" went up town reported at court house to serve as Grand Juror By Previous summons. court Adjourned went to Prices. reported Back at 2 P.M. got excused from serving By judge Scott saw Gil Hobert. Paid me ($1.25) old debt with him helped him get his county Bounty hitched up and came home times dull. oats (20 cts) wheat (70 to 125 cts) corn 40 cts Jim

Tuesday the 5th 1865
all well. weather warm. cloudy. foggy and trying to rain. A.M. divided oats and wheat loaded up what oats we had to spare and took the over to B Prices. got 25 cts per Bl. to ten Bushel of my oats came to ($2.50) paid us for them. came Back again. lots of People at our house. all the women in the country. aunt got a Sewing. a host of squaling hooping young ones. in short a Young Bedlam. P.M. rained considerable no news of any interest to day tom Savidge came and measured corn ground. only made 38 Acres and a half. all quiet Jim

Wednesday the 6th
all right weather warm. took some wheat up to City for Deacon. roads quite muddy. no news of any interest in City spent ten cents and came out home Brought "Bill Worley" and Bob Reed out times dull. grain Market down flat. no news Jessee

thursday the 7th 1865
all well weather warm. went up to Mr McCains to look at stove. came down to "Keerans" went to Holloways and came home. no news of any note Jim

Friday the 8th 1865
well as usual. weather warm. A.M. went up to McCains Bought his wagon for ($60.00) paid him 40

down. came home Eat dinner went over to killians. thence to Dan Hoovers rained quite a shower. Came home. was summond to appear Before the grand jury "fourth with as a witness" went with killian out to Bill McCains Bought cow for Beef. paid 26 dollars. drove her home. went over to Standiferds. "Jessee"

Saturday the 9th 1865

all well weather very warm. went to city Early reported to Grand jury. was sworn. told what I knew. was But little bought pair scales for (1.75) Butcher knife was (40.) dinner (25) Bill at livery stable for mare (40) Cal. and the old folks up to town. Bought furniture &c to set us out for house keeping no news came home night went after Dr Prunty for Mary Cowden child. times dull now. Jim

Sunday the 10th

all well weather warm. dull day staid at the old mans' all day P.M. rained very hard no news. Dr Prunty over in A.m. times dull on the decline Jim

Monday the 11th "/65

up Early all well weather warm. went home then to LeRoy. got mare shod Before (75 cts) came home got dinner harnessed up went to McCains got wagon. came home went over to the old mans helped load up wagons with corn Jim

Tuesday the 12th

all well weather very warm. went to city took up load of corn for the old man "roads Bad" went up town saw R T. Dickerson sold him B Clouds Bond for (45 Dollars) Dinner (70 cts) came Back and came over home Brought wife. with me. no news of any note. "Jessee"

Wednesday the 13th 1865

all well weather warm. a.m. helped Killian to unload some wheat and put it in the grainary. went up to McCains. paid him the Ballance on the wagon ($18.80) in money ($1.20) in Beef helped him load wagon came to Holloways helped him load wagon. came home for dinner. P.M. helped the Deacon load up one wagon. went with Killian to Marcelluses to Buy a Beef cow no trade came home. Jim

Thursday the 14th 1865

all well weather warm. finished loading Deacon up. Deacon fell and hurt himself Badly. hitched up my team and took him up as far as city got there about noon took dinner at Peter Prices staid till 4. P.M. Bid them all good Bye. and saw them start out City "J McCain two teams" "Holloway two" "M. B. Edmiston one" Deacon Weaver one. Dan Hoover one. came out to the old man Standiferd staid all night. no news in city of any note. spent ($6.55) for things for housekeeping "Jessee"

Friday the 15th

all well as usual. weather very warm. Early A.M. went with the old man over to look at one of Porter's farms to rent. Came Back loaded up my things came over home went over to Killians got a stove that Edmiston lef ther to sell. for ($8.) Borrowed ten lbs of flour. spent nearly all day in fixing up cleaning up &c. late P.M. went with Killian down to Youngs after Beef ($23) Drove it up no news of note times Dull. "Jessee"

Saturday the 16th 1865

up Before day. all well. weather warm. Killian came over killed Beef. got along fine. Eat Breakfast. cut it up. and started to Peddle it out. got a long fine sold out By 2. P.M. made about ($3.00) Besides the hide and tallow. kept ($1.29) worth my self. no news of any note got letter from W.M. Cloud & tribune. times very good. on the incline. "Jim"

Sunday the 17th 1865

all well weather warm. commenced to rain very Early. heavy storm rain came down in torrents rained all day. no news of import Jim

Monday the 18th

all well. weather warm. got gabe killian went over to Standiferds. after cow. had hard time to drive her. got home at two P.M. went and hauled a load of wood. no news of note times dull. Jim

Tuesday the 19th 1865

well as common. weather warm. went to city to mill Cal. went to her fathers. Borrowed wheat of killian got 28 lbs per bu. 3. bu 18 lbs. By weight 3. 1/2 By measure. Bought tin pan. Dipper 2 Cup $1.50 Cedar Bucket $1.50 stove Boiler fixed 80. dinner 10 total $6.40 got molasses Barrel for my self $3.00 Barrel of salt $3.75 at Wakefield & weeds on time. half sat for killian got Barrel for Killian came home By the old mans got Cal. Broght Sims out home no news. "Jessee"

Wednesday the 20th 1865

all well weather warm & fair. a.m. Early went up to J Gardner's agreed to cut hay to morrow. came Back By craigs saw Mary Williams agreed to winter her cow for milch take her now. came home P.M. Sims and I striped Sorghum. slow work late went to craigs drove cow & calf down. home no news of any note. times about the same. nothing very exciting or amusing. all quiet in Delta "Jessee"

Thursday the 21st 1865

all well. weather warm striped Sorghum. got on finely "Mosquitoes desperate Bad" P.M. J Weaver helped us. quite. Sims & wife went home with John. no news of note times moderate Jim

Friday the 22nd
all right weather warm. Early A.M. went to the city Saw Mr. J. Porter Contracted for a farm of 80 acres. for corn (2/5) two fifths in shock or crib. small grain (1/3) one third in (Bin) came home P.M. striped cane. J Weaver helped us. Sims and him striped some in a.m. no new "Jessee"

Saturday the 23d
all right. weather warm. a.m. striped cane till noon (Sims too) P.M. hauled rails and fixed up lot fence to keep cow in. late went to timber got some hazel nuts. no news of interest Sims worked at cane. times moderate "Jim"

Sunday the 24th 1865
health good weather warm. A.M. J L Rush came up staid for dinner. informed me that I had Been appointed a delagate to convention to nominate County officers. (Declined.) P.M. Bill Bailey & wife & killian came over. no news. "Jim"

Monday the 25th 1865
all well. weather warm. rented killians molasses mill for $2.00 per day a.m. went to teter's after wood. pay him $4.00 per cord hauled some and some cane P.M. got John Weaver to help us. put him to grinding. no news. Jessee

Tuesday the 26th "/65
all well. weather warm and fair made molassas got along very well. J.W. helped us some of the youngsters was going to come and strip the cane for a party. no cane striped. night lots here big time Boiled syrup till after 12 tired went to Bed Jessee

Thursday the 28th 1865
all well. a.m. Boiled syrup hauled some cane and went after some wood rained on me there and Back got wet. P.M. went with killian out to Ezra Wood's to look at two Beeves of McCulloughs to pay him $18.00 per head drove them home. went and seen J Gardner drove cow home. dident do much at the syrup Business to day. no news of note Jim

Friday the 29th
all well weather still rainy concluded to lay over the syrup "Biz" till weather settled. went up to craigs to make yoke for cow got one Borrowed Rifle to shoot Beef. came home. P.M. went to timber after some hazelnuts and crabapples got some of Both and a good wetting Besides. came home fixed yoke put it on cow rained so we couldn't butcher. "Jim"

Saturday the 30
all well. up Early weather fair Killed Beef soon sold it out dident get half round on circut sold most of for $22.95 got hide and tallow yet paid $18.00 for it timesmoderate

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Wednesday the 27th
all well weather warm and rainy worked some at the lasses Business But did not do much rained so we couldn't make much Progress times dull. Jim

P.S. Business Jumbled up some wrote none in Diary for one week cant remember very accutely Jim

Sunday October the 1st 1865
all well. weather fair. am went up to union church took Sims & wife uncle Jo. & family J.D. Weaver's funeral. was to Be preached By the Rev R.D. Taylor. dident come some mistake. large congregation out. came Back to uncle Jo's. took dinner. went over to dads found Mary Cowden very sick. staid till near night came home no news times dull Jim

Monday the 2nd 1865
up Early all well. weather warm & clear made sorghum "had John Weaver" got along very well Cal. took sick to day. no news of note hired Bill Phillips to cut corn for me to day cut and tied 30 shocks at 8 cts per shock. paid him ($2.40) times Dull. Business moderate "Jim"

Tuesday the 3d
weather warm tried to rain But dident make it out. Cal. worse. Big frost worked at sorghum did not do much had no help. night killed a Beef late getting Done. no news of note Jim

Wednesday the 4th 1865
weather warm. Big frost. Cal some Better. took my team and Peddled Beef out. sent 50 cts to city by killian for bottle of Wizzard oil. got it Sims worked at sorghum. late went over to Standiferds to see Mary Cowden. some worse. staid all night no news of note. Jim

Thursday the 5th 1865
in moderate health. weather warm Big frost worked some at sorghum. dident do much. no help. went of slow. no news of much Interest in circulation to day. times dull mony slow Paid H. McCullough ($15.00) for the old man. of Beef money. Jim

Friday the 6th 1865
Health moderate weather warm. rained some. P.M. went down to D Baylor's Bough Beef of him. to pay him $20. Dols. killed it put it in the wagon Brought it home. no news to day of interest "Jim"

Saturday the 7th 1865
all well. weather warm. cut up Beef and Peddled it out went out toward Bloomington sold most of it out. home at 2 P.M. killian took Ballance out on Prairie

sold it out all. came to ($24.85) times dull no news of any note good on the advance Pork & Beef Ditto. Jim

Sunday the 8th
all well. weather warm. A.M. went up to union to church at 11. a.m. sermon (good) By the Rev. "Hutchinson" (colored) large congregation out. there seem to Be quite an interest manifested raised him over $6.00 has Been a slave for 61 years. Came to J Gardners took dinner J & N Cowden there night went out to new Protestant church to meeting. able discourse By Hutchinson came home Jim

Monday the 9th
up Early. all well. made molasses to day had Alex Weaver. to help. worked till 2. at night. finished filling our four Barrels & made 15. galons for aunt Mary Weaver. made all that sims is going to help with. have got 4 cords of wood of L. Teter at ($4.00) per cord. Jim

Tuesday the 10th 1865
all well. weather fair. went out to woodcocks give up Job of cutting hay. came home By uncle Jo.s Borrowed Brass kettle. no news of any note times dull &c &c "Jessee"

Wednesday the 11th 1865
all well weather fair & warm. sims took my team took molasses to city sold at 60 cts per gal. AM cut corn. P.M. worked for killian made sorghum for Price. worked till midnight. no news Jim

Thursday the 12th
all well weather warm and unsettled A.M. fair late P.M. trying to rain. sold gal of lasses for 75 cts AM mowed grass in slough. got along very well. P.M. put it up. late striped some sorghum no news of interest times moderate Jim

Friday the 13th
all well. weather rather nebulous. rained some. took team and Gabe. went after walnuts. got wagon Box nearly full in hulls. late P.M. dug sweet taters Jim

Saturday the 14th 1865
all well. weather fair. dug "sweet taters" all day have about 20 or 25 "Bush" dug poor yield sims dug since noon yesterday times about the same "Jim"

Sunday the 15th
all well weather little cool. went over to Standiferds took Cal. found Mary some Better came home late Brought Billy with us no news of note.

Monday the 16th
all well. weather fair. Big frost. a.m. finished digging sweet taters. P.M. hauled a load of wood. washed and loaded up taters &c no news of note killians father & Brother came. times dull "Jim"

Tuesday the 17th 1865
all well. weather cool cloudy. with prospect for rain. up Early. took sweet taters to city. commenced to rain sold out. 9. b's. at 1.25 & 12 1/2 at $1.00 got dollars worth sugar. Paid J Marcellus $2.00 wagon fixed $1.00 wakefield & weed ($3.75) Starch & candy. 20 cts total $7.95
rained all P.M. Brought Mrs Ball out got home at dark "Jim"

night settled up with killian came out in his debt ($7.25) settled up with sims am to pay craig

Wednesday the 18th 1865
all well weather cool and rainy aunt Mary came over rained all P.M. staid all night Done nothing to day But tinker around. hulled out 3 or 4 Bushels of walnuts night very cold. times dull. no news of note "Jim"

Thursday the 19th
all well. weather very cool. cloudy & disagreeable J Young came after Beef. had none. got to work late. striped cane. till noon. PM gathered Beans till nearly night. hauled up some sweet taters and put them in garden. no news Jim

Friday the 20th "/65
all well weather pleasant. A.M. took old Jim up to uncle Jos Bought a Beef to pay him ($30.00) came home mad hay rest of Day put up ten Big "doodles" Came house ground up knives to Butcher no news of note times Dull. Jessee

Saturday the 21st
all well weather fair & nice up Early killed Beef. sold it out By my self took nearly all day made nothing on this one. times dull Business tardy. Corn 30 cts fluctuating "very" Jim

Sunday 22nd
all well weather fair. went over to Mr Standiferds took Billie home came Back at night. Jim

Monday the 23d 1865
all well. weather fair took team took sims & wife up to Bloomington to start to Tenessee. took up Barrell Molasses. sold for 60 cts per gal. Came to $26.50 Bought Bed stead $8.00 clothing &c all to amount of $25.60 Brought sims to Depot. came to mill got some flour for uncle Jo. came out with us. no news Jim

Tuesday the 24th 1865
all well weather fine commenced to Dig potatoes turned out fine Dug 21. 1/2 lbs. no news of any note

Jno Savidge Dug his taters times Dull. Jessee

Wednesday 25th 1865
all well weather warm. finished Diging Potatoes in AM. P.M. cut some hay and covered them up hauled load of wood. went up to Craigs after cow. no news of note times moderate Jim

Thursday 26th
all well weather warm and rainy rained nearly all day worked some at Cane. no news of any note times dull. Business tardy. Jim

Friday 27th 1865
all well. weather warm and rainy rained all day worked some at cane. worked in rain. night turned cold froze some. snowed a little Jim

Saturday the 28th
all well. weather quite cold. worked in cane all day late P.M. got one of Killians Boys to help me get it all cut. piled up and what was striped covered up little after dark came house Eat supper. Paid him 25 cts. no news Jessee

Sunday the 29th
all well weather fair. Big frost Staid at home all day no news of any note times Dull. Business only moderate Jim

Monday the 30th
all well. weather little cool hauled two loads of cane over to Standiferds. hauled load of wood home no news of interest Business tardy. "Jessee"

Tuesday the 31st 1865
all well. weather little rainy and cool. A.M. Dug few Potatoes covered up all Potatoes with Dirt P.M. hauled load of cane. no news of any note Jim

Wed. Nov the 1st
all well up Early went up to John Gardners to get him to haul cane "for me." came Back took load and started over to the old mans Cal. went commenced to rain on us rained till after noon. PM fixed up mill came home. Prices cattle in field to day Maggie came with us Jim

Thursday November 2nd 1865
all well weather cool & cloudy got killians team and Gabe. went over to the old man killians got team. hauled cane hauled six load. hauled it all But one load. Leander Robertson & Maggie Kennedy was married to day at six P.M. Harry Reeves & Miss Whitcomb married also and not a very good day for weddings Either no news of any interest Jim

Friday the 3d 1865
up Early. all well. weather cold. Every thing froze up solid took load of wood. Cal & Mag. went over to old mans. commenced to make molasses got at it late made about half Barrel. no news of note to Day P.M. went and got another load of wood of Teter got a half cord. and about a half a quarter.

Saturday November the 4th 1865
all well weather cold. and windy snowed at intervals during the day striped cane nearly all day late P.M. gathered load of corn for the old man. made two pans of molasses to day. "nearly a Barrel" got a Barrel and a half made. or near that amount. took till 8 or 9 at night to get the last Pan off. very cold and stormy desperate Job. no news of interest Jim

Sunday the 5th 1865
all well. up late weather fair and cold. hitched up and came home about ten or Eleven. found things all right staid at home all day feel Dull very dont care whether school keeps or not. "Jim"

Monday the 6th 1865
all well weather little frosty Early cool windy all day up early. loaded up load of cane Before Breakfast went over to the old mans. thence to City took Mag. up got two Barrels. $4.00. one for Mary ($two) Dol pair of Buck gloves $2.20. got home By a little after noon striped cane till night. Boiled off one Batch of syrup no news of any note Jessee

Tuesday Nov. 7th 1865
all well. weather nice. finished making molasses to Day. took till 9 at night made about 32 gal's in last pan. sold Mary Cowden 10 Gals made in all 2 Barrell. & 25 Gals. times dull no news Jim

Wednesday the 8th
all well weather fair helped the old man to day hauled cane with my team. got done hauling. late loaded up molasses and came home found things all right times Dull. Jim

Thursday the 9th
all well weather warm and nice. unloaded "lasses" fixed wagon Bed. and gathered corn made about 55 to acre. gathered 45 bush. times dul no news

Friday the 10th
all well. weather warm and nice. to work Early got ful load of corn. 30 buls By 1.P.M. came to dinner P.M. commenced again got 5 or 6 Bush's gathered Bailey came after molasses. went to house. let him have six gal's 60 cent per gal. done no more to Day. no news times dull. Business "tardy" "Jim"

Saturday 11th
all well weather nice. to work Early. full load of corn By 1. P.M. came home Eat dinner unloaded put up team. pulled and Burried cabbage. Cut wood &c "Jim"

Sunday the 12th 1865
all well weather warm and nice. staid at home Mr & Mrs Standiferd came over spent the day times Dull no news. Yes learn that J.N. Savidge got his mare that was stolen Perry Ball and wife hired Buggy & started to run off. followed and Brought her & Buggy Back he got away Jim

Monday the 13th 1865
all well weather warm and nice gathered corn in 5 acre peice. husked (50) Bush. no news of note times Dull Business tardy. goods on decline Jim

Tuesday the 14th 1865
all well weather warm and nice. A.M. gathered 25 buls corn finished 5 acre peice made about 60 bls to acre. P.M. husked in the 40. husked 20 bls. no news of any note times about the same. Jim

Wednesday the 15th 1865
all well weather fair. & warm. finished corn in forty 40 bu'ls no news of any note Jim

Thursday 16th "/65
all well weather cloudy with some indications of rain A.M. went up to J Gardners then to Craig's came home P.M put in ax handle and got a load of wood. times about the same Jim

Friday the 17th
well as common weather fair. helped killian gather corn. got done a little Before night no news of any great interest times Dull. Jim

Sat. the 18th
all well. weather fair. AM stacked hay Killian "hope" me. P.M. sent two galons Molasses to Russel By Killians. gathered load of corn in East peice 25 Bu'ls. cut wood for sunday &c no news Jim

Sunday the 19th
all well. weather fair Big frost this a.m. Early caught out "fannie" Cal went to Delta for mail got paper. staid at home all day all quiet Jim

Monday the 20th 1865
all well weather warm. and fine. gathered corn. all day got in 55 bushels quite tired no news of any note. old man killian got gal. "lasses"

Tuesday the 21st
all well. weather fine gathered corn all day. got in 50 Bushels no news of any note to day. paid Killian ($5.00) paid Gabe (50. cts) sent to City got four gallon jar. 80 cts Ball of candle wick 10 cts making a total sum. of ($6.40) all quiet on the Kickapoo. Bailey got six gals "lasses" paid $3.55 Jim

Wednesday the 22nd 1865
all well as common weather still nice little cold this morning. very heavy frost gathered corn dident go out till late got in 45 bushels. hands pretty sore. Paid "J."B. "Weaver" ($10.00) of Beef money. no news of note. Jim

Thursday the 23d 1865
all well. as common. weather "still nice" little cold Early of mornings. went over to Mr. Standiferds helped him gather corn. late came home times about the same. Jim

Friday the 24th 1865
all well as for common weather about the same. Big white frost. took up my potatoes. hauled them up and Burried them in the yard. covered them up deep took all day. "Jim"

Sat. the 25th
all well. weather little cold. a.m. moved wheat into the smokehouse. P.M. went to John Cowdens staid all night. no news corn 30 cts. Pork Down. Jim

Sunday the 26th 1865
well as common. weather cold. a.m. went over to the old mans Mr Will and Lady there staid for Dinner. came home at night. Dan Hoover came over a while. said Teters cattle in my corn to day Jim

Monday the 27th
all well weather fine gathered corn Cal. helped me. got in 60 bu'ls no news of any note Jim

Tuesday the 28th
all well. weather cloudy and rainy A.M. went to Timber cut some wood. husked some shock corn and fixed up Garden. P.M. hauled shock corn fixed hen house. hauled load of wood and hauled in some corn shucked. & fodder. sold old man Killian 6 gal. lasses. paid me for 7. ($4.20) no news Jessee

Wednes the 29th 1865
all well weather damp and chilly went to the old mans took dinner. went over to Parkers to see him came home late night J Craig came down and staid a while got my kid gloves no news times dull

Thursday the 30th
all well. A.M. weather warm and rainy rained all a.m. P.M. cloudy and windy husked some corn. turned some colder. night Bored a hole in chimney fixed stove.

so could use fire place. wrote some &c no news times Dull "Jessee"

Friday
December the 1st "/65
all well weather little cool. went up to craig's & helped them husk corn all day. came home after night. no news of any note times dull. Jim

Saturday the 2nd 1865
all well. weather little cool. cut and hauled wood had a fuss with old Bailey. about the place. no local news of any very great import Jim

Sunday the 3d 1865
well as common. weather warm. cloudy & foggy. went up to union to church at 11. a.m. discourse By Rev. Rob't. D. Taylor. very good commenced to rain rained Ballance day. Dismissed. started home stoped at craigs for dinner. received an invitation to Johns infair next friday. wedding thursday at "Rodmans" late came home in mud & rain Jessee

Monday the 4th "/65
all well. weather cool. cloudy. and some prospect of rain went to city. took some wheat to mill exchanged it for flour at Barbour's mill. went up into city. saw Lawyer tipton got some council. in regard to the difficulty Between me and Bailey. confirmed my own opinion. Bought pair Boots ($6.50) dinner (10cts) hair pins (5 cts) total ($6.65) corn 20 cts. pork 6 cts per pound gross. no news of note Jim

Tuesday the 5th "/65
all well weather little cool. a.m. cut some wood in the timber P.M. warmer. took team & helped Craig gather corn. Brought load of white home with me. going to change Jim

Wednesday the 6th "/65
Cal sick. cold. weather warm. went up to Craigs gathered corn till noon. commenced to rain rained all P.M. no news of any import times Dull "Jim"

Thursday the 7th
Cal. still sick. weather cold snowed last night. A.M let Killian have wagon. cut wood at house. P.M. went to Delta got sleigh. Brought load of wood home took old Sledge. hauled up two shocks corn. night got paper. no news of note "Jim"

Friday the 8th 1865
Cal still sick. weather little cold. little skift of snow last night. hitched up to sleigh. put on store goods went up to craigs to infair good dinner and not much company staid all night. had a little shivaree But the old man By a flank moovement suceeded in soon dispersing the Main Boddy. Tocketts & Powers run of last night leaving Several "with Both ends of the Bag open" By credits forgeries &c. no news Jim

Saturday the 9th "/65
Cal some better. weather cool. and snowing started home stoped at Keerans traded with Wilson for a pair of double trees. one neck yoke for sleigh. no news from the fugitives. all quiet in Delta. Jessee

Sunday the 10th 1865
all well. weather warm. staid at home all day no news of any interest. Jim

Monday the 11th
all well. weather warm. husked out 11 shocks of corn hauled it in. night turned cold & froze up solid. no news of any interest. Jim

Tuesday the 12th "/65
all well. weather very cold. cut wood in the timber. cut all day. cut into fire lengths. no news of very great interest pork on the incline slightly. Jim

Wednesday the 13th
all well. weather very cold. cut wood till noon in timber P.M. hauled three loads wood Dreadful rough. Horses could hardly travel not Being shod. no news Jim

Thursday the 14th "/65
all well weather still cold cut wood. till noon in timber grubed up stick for a maul. came home to dinner. P.M. made maul. cut some wood &c. no news Jim

Friday the 15th
all well. weather cold cut wood at the house till noon cut up all "had up." P.M. hauled two loads. times about the same. "Jim"

Saturday the 16th
all well. weather slightly moderated But very cold yet. Done up work and went over to Laben Teters to assist him in raising his roof on Barn. took all Day hard work got home little after Dark. mail here. tribune and letter from "B. Cloud" no news of note Jim

Sunday the 17th 1865
all well. weather warm. A.M. staid at home read. wrote letter to B Cloud. &c. P.M. went with Cal to Keerans went with keeran to spring to meeting. sermon at 3. By "vandorn" C Youngs got small pox. went to Keerans Came home &c Jim

Monday the 18th 1865
all well. weather A.M. rained P.M. kind of raining took Cal. over to the old mans staid all night no news of any note times dull. Jim

Tuesday the 19th
all well weather cold went to city took up four hides sold at 8 cts came to ($7.60) got horses shod new Before old Behind $4.50 spent in all $5.20 corn up to 30 cts pork Dull at 8 cts gross came home Jim

Wednesday the 20th 1865
all well weather cold. snowed all day. hauled two loads of shock corn. one of wood on sled. no news of any note times Dull Jim

Thursday the 21st "/65
well as common weather very cold took Cal. went to Standiferds in sleigh run Bully about 2 inches of snow. old man. Mag. & Mary went to city. cut down Big tree & cut some wood came home Early. no news of note Jim

Friday the 22nd
well as common weather cold up Early. walked over to the old mans cut wood all Day. put up two cords came home late no news of note Jim

Saturday the 23d "/65
all well weather cold. But little warmer. up Early. went to old mans cut wood. put up a cord and half quit some Before night. came home stoped at Delta got Paper. no news Jessee

Sunday the 24th
all well. weather considerably moderated. went up to union to church in sleigh at 11 am good Discourse By Rev. R.D. Taylor. thawed considerable to Day prospect of rain soon

Monday the 25th
all well. weather nice. went over to the old Mans to turkey roast. Myers and Lady there. night came home no news of note Jim

Tuesday the 26th
all well weather warm. went over to the old mans killed hogs commenced to snow snowed all day killed four hogs two for him one for mary & one for us. Bought one of him weighed (200) neat snowed about 3 inches deep. no news of note to day times Dull Jim

Wednesday the 27th
all well. weather pleasant went over to the old mans in sleigh took Cal. and "Gabe" had a Rabbit hunt killed 3 Rabbits and four squirrels Cut Big tree Down for some of them no news of note. times about the same Jim

Thursday the 28th 1865
all well. weather little cold staid at home hauled out shock corn. and two loads of wood times Dull no news of note to day Jim

Friday the 29th 1865
all well weather cold. went over to the old mans cut wood. put up one cord cut some more didn't feel very well. all day worked moderate. spent some time in grinding ax and talking old man sold his hogs to Porter. at $8.00 per hundred. Jim

Saturday the 30th
all well. weather pleasant. went to old man's helped him drive his hogs over to porters fooled around till noon. P.M. cut wood put up one cord and a half came home stoped at Delta got Paper. Jim

Sunday the 31st 1865
all well. weather pleasant. went to the old mans in sleigh Eat Dinner went to Brick to church took Mary & Mag. Sermon By Rev. Williams good came home Brought Mary Cowden with us. Jim

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	No. 1 Liniment	Receipt's No	ounces	pints	quarts
1	Oil Spike	1	"	"	
2	Oreganum	1	"	"	
3	Laudanum	1	"	"	
4	Tincture Arnica	2	"	"	
5	Gum Camphor	1	"	"	
6	Alcohol	1	"	"	

if wanted very strong use but one pint Alcohol

No. 2 Jessee Liniment

Linseed Oil	4	"	"	
Aquamonia	8	"	"	
Oil Oreganum	2	"	"	
Oil Hemlock	1	"	"	
Seneca Oil	2	"	"	
Venice Turpentine	1	"	"	
if it Conglomerates add Cedar Oil	1	"	"	

Subtraction

Subtraction To subtract 9 from any number make the units figure one more and ten one less. 9 from 35 = 26. ans

Addition To add 9 to any number make the tens one more and the units one less

Multiplication by 5 To Multiply by 5. Take one half the number and annex a cipher if even. if odd a 5 For example multiply 36 by 5 = 180 or 27 by 5 = 135 Ans

by 6 To multiply by 6 take one half the number and add once the multiplicand For example multiply 12 by 6 = 72. 1/2 of 12 = 60 + 12 = 72 Ans

by 7 To multiply by 7 Take 2/3 of the number for tens and 1/3 for units. Multiply 18 by 7 = 126 2/3 of 18 = 12 1/3 of 18 = 6 = 126 Ans

by 8 To multiply by 8. Take 3/4 of number for tens and 2/4 for units. Multiply 16 by 8 = 128. 3/4 of 16 = 12 and 2/4 = 8 = 128

by 9 To multiply by 9. Take the number add a cipher then Subtract the number multiply 25 by 9 = 225 25 with cipher = 250 - 25 = 225.

by 10 To multiply by 10. Annex a cipher 15+0 = 150

by 11 To multiply by 11 Add the digits of the number to gether and place their sum betwen them. 17 * 11 = 187 = 17, 1 and 7 = 8 placed between 187.

by 12 1/2 To multiply by 12 1/2 Take one eighth of the number for hundreds and the fractions reduced to decimals multiply 25 by 12 1/2 = 312 1/2

by 13 To multiply by 13 To the number add 1/4 for hundreds and tens, and take 1/2 for units. multiply 17 by 13 = 208 - 16 + 1/4 = 20 and 1/2 of 16 = 8 = 208

by 14 To Multiply by 14 To the number add 1/3 of number for hundreds and tens, and take 2/3 for units multiply 18 by 14 = 252 - 18 + 1/3 of 18 = 240 + 2/3 of 18 = 12 240 + 12 = 252

by 15 To multiply by 15 Take 3/2 of the number and add a cipher if even if odd 15. 17 by 15 = 255. = 3/2 of 17 = 24 24 + 15 = 255

Multiplication

by 25 To multiply by 25. Take 1/4 of number and call it hundreds and if any fractions appear reduce them to decimals. multiply 35 by 25 = 870. 1/4 of 35 is 8 with 3/4 of 100 over= 75= 875Ans

by 29 To multiply by 29 Take 2/7 of the number to be multiplied for hundreds and 3/7 for units and tens multiply 21 by 29 = 609. 2/7 of 21 = 6 and 3/7=9 Therefore 609 Ans

by 27 To multiply by 27 Take 8 times 1/3 of the number for hundred and tens and 1/3 for units. multiply 18 by 27 = 486 - 1/3 of 18=6 and 6x8=48 + 1/3 or 6 = 816 Ans

by 34 To multiply by 34 Take 1/3 of number for hundreds and 2/3 for tens and units multiply 24 by 34 = 816. 1/3 = 8 and 2/3 = 16 -- 816 Ans

by 35 To multiply by 35 Take 1/3 for hundreds and five times 1/3 for tens and units. multiply 36 by 35 = 1260 1/3 of 36 = 12 and 5 times 12 = 60 -- 1260

by 36 To multiply by 36 Take 1/3 of number for hundreds and 8 times 1/3 for units and tens multiply 33 by 36 = 1188 1/3 of 33 = 11 and 8 times 11 = 88 = 1188 Ans

by 37 To Multiply by 37. Take 1/3 of number three times multiply 24 by 37 = 888 - 1/3 is 8, which write three times 888

by 50 To multiply by 50. If the number is even take 1/2 of it and annex two ciphers 18 by 50 = 900. But if odd take 1/2 of the numbr one less and annex 50 23 by 50 = 1150. 1/2 of 22 = 11 + 50 = 1150 Ans

by 67 To multiply by 67 Take 2/3 of number for hundreds and 1/3 for tens & units multiply 18 by 67 = 1206 2/3 of 18 = 12 and 1/3 = 06 = 1206 Ans

by 125 To multiply by 125. Take 1/8 of number and call it thousands. and if any fractions occur reduce them to decimals. thus 1/4 250 1/2 500 3/4 750 multiply 67 by 125 = 8375 - 1/8 of 67 = 8 and 3/8 3/8 of 1000 = 375 = 8375 Ans

Multiplication

by 9 To multiply by 9. From the number take one more than the tens and call it hundreds and to this annex the difference between the units figure and ten multiply 27 by 9 = 243 one more than 2 = 3 and 3 from 7 = 4 and 7 from 10 = 3 Therefore 243 Ans

by 51 To Multiply 51 Take 1/2 of the number and to this annex the multiplicand. For example multipy 24 by 51 = 1224 1/2 of 24 = 12 and 24 annexed - 1224

by 38 To multiply by 38. Take 1/3 of number and call it hundreds and 7 times 2/3 for units and tens. for example multiply 18 by 38 = 684. 1/3 of 18 = 6 2/3 = 12 and 7 times 12 = 84 Therefore 684 Ans

by 39 To multiply by 39. Take 3/8 of number and call it hundreds and 4 times the number thus formed. multiply 32 by 39 = 1248. 3/8 of 32 = 12 and and 4 times 12 = 48 Therefore 1248 Ans

by 250 To multiply by 250. Take 1/4 of number and call it thousands. if any fractions occur reduce them to decimals. multiply 17 by 250 = 4250 1/4 of 17 = 4 and 1/4 thousands 1/4 of thousands = 250 therefore 4250 Ans

by 33 1/3 To Multipy by 33 1/3 take 1/3 of number for hundreds if any fractions. reduce them to decimals Multiply 17 by 33 1/3 = 566 2/3 = 1/3 of 17 = 5. 2/3 of 100 = 66 2/3 therefore 566 2/3 Ans

by 1/2 to multiply any two numbers together involving the fraction 1/2 To the product of the whole numbers add 1/2 their Sum plus the fraction 1/4. multiply 7 1/2 by 3 1/2 = 21 + 5 1/4 = 26 1/4
If the number be odd take 1/2 of the Sum minus one. plus 3/4 = 7 1/2 by 6 1/2 = 42 + 6 3/4 = 48 3/4

Squaring

The Square of any number is equal to 9 times the square of 1/3 of the number For example Square 15 = 225. 1/3 of 15 = 5 x 5 = 25 x 9 = 225

To Square Nos between 30 and 40 To Square numbers between 30 and 40 Take 5 as a basis and to this add the units figure of the number you are Squaring, and call it hundreds and to this add the Square of the difference between the units figure and 20. Square 33 = 1089. 5+3=8 + And the difference between the units figure and 20 = 17 Square of 17 = 289 8 + 289 = 1089 Ans

Between 40 & 50 To Square numbers between 40 & 50. Take 15 for a basis and to this add the units figure and call it hundreds and to this add the Square of the difference between the units figure and 15 Square 47 = 2203. to 15 add 7 = 2200 and 7 from 10 = 3 = 9 2209 Ans

Between 50 & 60 To Square numbers between 50 and 60 Take 25 for a basis and to this add the units figure and call it hundreds and to this add the units figure Squared. Square 56 = 3136. The units figure added to 25 + 6 = 3100 + plus the Square of 6 = 36 Therefore 3136 Ans

Between 60 & 70

To Square numbers between 60 and 70. Take 35 as a basis and to this add the units figure and call it hundreds and to this add the Square of the units figure and ten Thus the Square of 64 = 4096. 35 + 4 = 3900 + the Square of 4+10 or 14 = 196 = 39 + 196 = 4096 Ans

The Square of any number is equal to 16 times the Square of 1/4 of that number 1/4 of 8 is 2 Square of 2 is 4 16 times 4 = 64 Square of 8

Squaring

Between 70 & 80

To Square numbers between 70 and 80. Take 40 as a basis and add to it twice the units figure and call it hundreds and to this add the square of the difference between the units figure and 30. For example Square 78 = 6084. 40 + 2 twice 8 = 5600 to this add the Square of 22 the difference between 8 and 30 = 484. 5600 + 484 = 6084 Ans

Between 80 & 90

To Square numbers between 80 and 90 Take 60 as a basis and to this add twice the units figure and call it hundreds. to this add the Square of the difference between the units figure and 20. Square 87 = 7569. 60 + 2 times 7 = 7400 plus 169 the square of the difference between 7 and 20 7400 + 169 - 7569 Ans

Between 90 & 100

To Square numbers between 90 and 100. Take 80 as a basis and to it add twice the units figure plus the Square of the difference between the units figure and 10. Square of 96 = 9216 To 80 add twice the units figure 6 x 2 = 12 + 80 = 92 plus the Square of the difference between 6 and 10 = 16 and 92 + 16 = 9216 Ans

Ending in 5

To Square numbers ending with 5 multiply the tens figure by one more than itself and to this add the Square of the units figure. Square 85 = 7225. Multiply 8 by 9 = 72. Square 5 = 25 Therefore 7225 Ans.

Also in 1/2 To Square numbers ending with the fraction 1/2 multiply the whole numbers by one more than itself and add the Square of the fraction 7 1/2 = 56 1/4. 7 x 8 = 56 plus the Square of 1/2 = 1/4 56 1/4 Ans.

To Square any number ending in 1/4. Square the whole number (disregarding the fraction) to the Square add 1/2 of the whole number and to this add 1/16 if even. if odd add 9/16 Square 13 1/4 = 175 9/16 Square of 13 = 169 + 6 = 175 + 9/16 = 175 9/16 Ans Square 8 1/4 = 64 + 4 = 68 + 1/16 = 68 1/16 Ans

To Square numbers ending with the fraction 3/4 Add 3/2 of the whole number to its Square if it be even and to it annex the fraction 9/16. But if the number be odd increase it by one and Subtract 1/2 of this number from its Square Thus to Square 17 3/4 = 315 9/16. 17 + 1 = 18 = 324 - 9 = 315 plus 9/16 = 315 9/16 Ans

To Square any numbers from one to Two hundred, First Square the units figure. Secondly Multiply twice the units by the tens figure. Thirdly, (Omitting the units) Square the number expressed by the other two figures, and to this add the number that we carry from the multiplication. plus twice the units figure Thus Square 135 = 18225. Squre units = 25 write 5 and carry 2. 10 x 3 = 30 + 2 had to cary 32 write 2 and Square 13 = 169 + 3 + 10 = 182 + 25 = 18225 Ans

To Square 99 or 999 or any number of nines. Write from left to right as many nines less one as the given number contains plus one 8, then as many ciphors less one as the given number contains nine and last one. For example Square 99999 = 9999800001 Write first 4 minus one 8, 4 ciphers and One

Multiplication

by 23 To multiply by 23. Take 1/5 of number for hundreds and 3 times the multiplicand for tens and units, if any fractions appear reduce to decimals. Thus 1/5 = 20 - 2/5 40. 3/5 = 60 &c Multiply 15 by 23 = 400 + 3/5 = 60 + 3 times 23 = 69 = 529 25 by 23 = 575 = 1/5 of 25 = 5 and 3 times 25 = 75. 575 Ans

by 667 To multiply by 667. Take 2/3 of the number to be multiplied and call it thousands. and 1/3 for tens and units For example multiply 27 by 667 = 18009. 2/3 of 27 = 18 call it thousands to this add 1/3 of 27 which is 9 making 18009 ans

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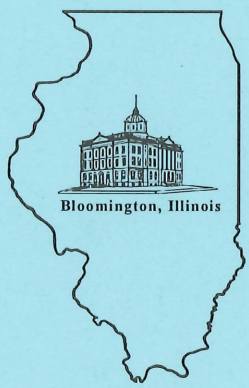

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